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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aboriginals).						Capital Cities, 30th June, 1956.
		Census—30th June, 1954.			Estimate—31st March, 1957.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,811,831	1,795,867	3,607,698	1,935,880
Victoria	87,884	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,342,542	1,317,241	2,659,783	*a*1,595,300
Q'land	670,500	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	709,996	673,539	1,383,535	527,500
S. Aust.	380,070	403,903	393,191	797,094	441,552	427,135	868,687	514,000
W. Aust.	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	353,751	334,381	688,132	369,000
Tasmania	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	169,181	159,514	328,695	99,540
N. Terr.	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,657	7,597	18,254	8,850
A.C.T.	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	(*b*)20,299	(*b*)16,354	(*b*)36,653	(*b*)32,440
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	4,859,809	4,731,628	9,591,437	5,082,510

(*a*) 31st December, 1955. (*b*) Subject to revision in accordance with the June, 1957, population count of Canberra, at which the population of this city was enumerated as 35,827 persons.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1953	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954*a*	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	(*b*)32,424	9,200,691
1956	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	(*b*)34,481	9,427,558
AT 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1952	3,367,986	2,366,719	1,271,256	768,570	612,935	309,558	14,771	27,774	8,739,569
1953	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,686
1954	3,462,313	2,480,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	(*b*)31,144	9,090,395
1955	3,525,923	2,555,021	1,350,684	834,635	670,750	325,801	17,007	(*b*)33,470	9,313,291
1956	3,588,344	2,632,623	1,378,947	861,912	684,835	332,810	17,853	(*b*)36,010	9,533,334

(*a*) Census. (*b*) Subject to revision in accordance with the June, 1957, population count of Canberra.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1953	3,366,358	2,372,366	1,272,244	766,538	611,191	302,529	15,241	27,721	8,734,188
1954	3,405,414	2,422,839	1,300,464	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,538	2,488,115	1,325,336	807,501	648,930	312,987	16,536	(*a*)31,249	9,090,192
1956	3,524,379	2,564,849	1,352,629	834,465	669,040	319,192	17,474	(*a*)33,642	9,315,670
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1952	3,341,476	2,343,610	1,255,896	755,042	600,615	298,361	15,087	26,570	8,636,657
1953	3,386,556	2,395,851	1,287,231	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,603
1954	3,428,488	2,453,458	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	(*a*)30,383	8,989,227
1955	3,492,385	2,526,275	1,338,995	820,143	658,747	316,153	17,040	(*a*)32,412	9,202,150
1956	3,555,854	2,604,283	1,366,496	848,531	677,317	322,216	17,896	(*a*)34,698	9,427,291

a) Subject to revision in accordance with the June, 1957, population count of Canberra.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	Year Ended 31st March.	
					1956.	1957.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).						
New South Wales	43,183	40,681	41,854	41,650	41,530	42,825
Victoria	30,911	32,106	33,809	34,507	34,555	34,512
Queensland	19,776	19,832	21,045	20,223	21,088	20,801
South Australia	11,194	11,048	10,958	11,371	11,047	11,826
Western Australia	10,790	10,564	11,244	11,344	11,340	11,552
Tasmania	5,185	5,074	5,600	5,591	5,769	5,529
Northern Territory	344	407	396	449	436	437
Australian Capital Territory ..	664	739	735	910	779	927
Australia	122,047	120,451	125,641	126,045	126,544	128,409
RECORDED NET INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).						
New South Wales	4,578	15,977	21,756	20,771	22,775	20,738
Victoria	16,346	31,764	40,335	43,095	42,114	36,452
Queensland	5,480	3,544	6,887	8,040	6,298	7,532
South Australia	2,791	9,968	15,434	15,906	18,074	13,728
Western Australia	8,258	7,228	10,091	2,741	9,495	2,904
Tasmania	2,888	−1,448	690	1,418	533	2,418
Northern Territory	718	201	471	397	471	466
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,838	973	1,591	1,630	1,815	1,537
Australia	42,897	68,207	97,255	93,998	101,575	85,775
TOTAL INCREASE.						
New South Wales	(a) 41,023	(a) 53,304	63,610	62,421	64,305	63,563
Victoria	49,316	64,842	74,144	77,602	76,669	70,964
Queensland	27,164	24,332	27,932	28,263	27,386	28,333
South Australia	17,095	22,578	26,392	27,277	29,121	25,554
Western Australia	18,808	17,672	21,335	14,085	20,835	14,456
Tasmania	6,907	3,046	6,290	7,009	6,302	7,947
Northern Territory	864	505	867	846	907	903
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,940	1,430	2,326	2,540	2,594	2,464
Australia	163,117	187,709	222,896	220,043	228,119	214,184

(a) Includes natural increase and recorded net interstate and oversea migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (−) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Oversea Migration. (b)	Total Increase.	Population at end of Period.
Year—							
1944	68,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	− 2,183	c77,366	7,347,024
1945	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	− 2,629	c83,173	7,430,197
1946	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	− 15,148	c87,784	7,517,981
1947	76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	c119,982	7,637,963
1948	74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	c154,502	7,792,465
1949	72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	c253,105	8,045,570
1950	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	c261,911	8,307,481
1951	77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	c220,426	8,527,907
1952	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	c211,662	8,739,569
1953	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	c163,117	8,902,686
1954	71,229	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	c187,709	9,090,395
1955	72,172	207,677	82,036	125,641	97,255	222,896	9,313,291
1956	71,780	212,133	86,088	126,045	93,998	220,043	9,533,334
Quarter ended—							
31st March, 1956 ..	18,680	52,614	18,073	34,541	29,421	63,962	9,377,253
30th June, 1956 ..	18,453	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305	9,427,558
30th September, 1956 ..	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191
31st December, 1956 ..	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334
31st March, 1957 ..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1944, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (−) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1944, to June, 1947. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1957.							
New South Wales	7,677	10,151	9,579	19,730	4,059	3,075	7,134
Victoria	4,754	7,782	7,491	15,273	2,864	2,514	5,378
Queensland ..	2,544	4,517	4,190	8,707	1,489	1,062	2,551
South Australia ..	1,727	2,594	2,422	5,016	942	768	1,710
Western Australia	1,348	2,253	2,053	4,306	684	491	1,175
Tasmania ..	663	1,090	983	2,073	350	262	612
Northern Territory	44	76	78	154	28	14	42
Australian Capital Territory ..	68	150	137	287	25	14	39
Australia ..	18,825	28,613	26,933	55,546	10,441	8,200	18,641
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.							
New South Wales	27,313	39,209	36,505	75,714	19,166	14,898	34,064
Victoria	20,137	30,115	28,278	58,393	12,862	11,024	23,886
Queensland ..	9,934	16,702	15,707	32,409	7,079	5,107	12,186
South Australia ..	6,277	9,708	9,256	18,964	4,243	3,350	7,593
Western Australia	5,080	8,870	8,046	16,916	3,265	2,307	5,572
Tasmania ..	2,601	4,128	3,976	8,104	1,378	1,135	2,513
Northern Territory	160	284	272	556	83	24	107
Australian Capital Territory ..	278	573	504	1,077	116	51	167
Australia ..	71,780	109,589	102,544	212,133	48,192	37,896	86,088

State or Territory.	1938.	1954.	1955.	1956.	Quarter Ended 31st March.	
					1956.	1957.
MARRIAGES—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	24,579	27,503	27,645	27,313	7,082	7,677
Victoria	17,113	19,404	20,056	20,137	5,360	4,754
Queensland ..	8,853	10,027	10,098	9,934	2,292	2,544
South Australia ..	5,489	6,190	6,226	6,277	1,699	1,727
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,204	5,145	5,080	1,372	1,348
Tasmania	2,082	2,512	2,600	2,601	760	663
Northern Territory ..	67	143	151	160	39	44
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	246	251	278	76	68
Australia ..	62,411	71,229	72,172	71,780	18,680	18,825

DISSOLUTIONS AND NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE.—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1954, 6,517; 1955, 6,769; 1956, New South Wales, 3,143; Victoria, 1,268; Queensland, 708; South Australia, 572; Western Australia, 548; Tasmania, 197; Northern Territory, 25; Australian Capital Territory, 20; Australia, 6,481.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1954.	1955.	1956.	Quarter Ended 31st March.	
					1956.	1957.
MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales ..	9.03	8.02	7.92	7.68	(a) 8.01	(a) 8.53
Victoria	9.17	7.91	7.94	7.73	8.34	7.19
Queensland ..	8.84	7.64	7.54	7.27	6.78	7.37
South Australia ..	9.25	7.77	7.59	7.40	8.10	7.98
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.13	7.81	7.50	8.16	7.85
Tasmania	8.81	8.07	8.22	8.07	9.40	8.02
Northern Territory ..	11.54	8.82	8.86	8.94	9.08	9.75
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.50	8.10	7.74	8.01	8.99	7.49
Australia ..	9.04	7.92	7.84	7.61	8.00	7.87
BIRTHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	47,319	73,125	74,407	75,714	18,526	19,730
Victoria	30,344	54,660	56,336	58,393	14,757	15,273
Queensland ..	18,992	31,176	32,352	32,409	8,177	8,707
South Australia ..	9,410	18,227	18,494	18,964	4,412	5,016
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,928	16,623	16,916	4,239	4,306
Tasmania	4,907	7,770	8,089	8,104	2,097	2,073
Northern Territory ..	102	513	515	556	143	154
Australian Capital Territory ..	200	857	861	1,077	263	287
Australia ..	120,415	202,256	207,677	212,133	52,614	55,546
BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales ..	17.38	21.33	21.31	21.29	(a) 20.96	(a) 21.93
Victoria	16.27	22.28	22.30	22.42	22.95	23.09
Queensland ..	18.95	23.74	24.16	23.72	24.18	25.22
South Australia ..	15.86	22.89	22.55	22.35	21.04	23.19
Western Australia ..	19.71	24.88	25.23	24.98	25.22	25.09
Tasmania	20.76	24.97	25.59	25.15	25.95	25.07
Northern Territory ..	17.57	31.64	30.22	31.07	33.30	34.12
Australian Capital Territory ..	17.34	28.21	26.56	31.04	31.10	31.60
Australia ..	17.45	22.50	22.57	22.50	22.52	23.24
DEATHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	26,105	32,444	32,553	34,064	7,105	7,134
Victoria	18,955	22,554	22,527	23,886	4,867	5,378
Queensland ..	9,201	11,344	11,307	12,186	2,599	2,551
South Australia ..	5,539	7,179	7,536	7,593	1,561	1,710
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,364	5,379	5,572	1,316	1,175
Tasmania	2,288	2,696	2,489	2,513	574	612
Northern Territory ..	69	106	119	107	19	42
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	118	126	167	32	39
Australia ..	66,451	81,805	82,036	86,088	18,073	18,641

(a) Equivalent annual rates.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1954.	1955.	1956.	Quarter Ended 31st March.	
					1956.	1957.
DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales	9.50	9.46	9.32	9.58	(a) 8.04	(a) 7.93
Victoria	10.16	9.19	8.92	9.17	7.57	8.13
Queensland	9.18	8.64	8.44	8.92	7.68	7.39
South Australia	9.34	9.01	9.19	8.95	7.44	7.90
Western Australia	9.13	8.38	8.17	8.23	7.83	6.85
Tasmania	9.68	8.67	7.87	7.80	7.10	7.40
Northern Territory	11.89	6.54	6.98	5.98	4.42	9.31
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	3.88	3.89	4.81	3.78	4.29
Australia	9.63	9.10	8.91	9.13	7.74	7.80
DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.						
New South Wales	1,980	1,850	1,850	1,777	394	438
Victoria	1,038	1,055	1,035	1,128	260	326
Queensland	784	695	656	737	199	175
South Australia	287	388	431	377	80	105
Western Australia	309	359	373	384	98	81
Tasmania	195	186	189	171	46	38
Northern Territory	6	9	26	24	3	11
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	4	12	11	3	3
Australia	4,607	4,546	4,572	4,609	1,083	1,177
INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.						
New South Wales	41.84	25.30	24.86	23.47	21.27	22.20
Victoria	34.21	19.30	18.37	19.32	17.62	21.34
Queensland	41.28	22.29	20.28	22.74	24.34	20.10
South Australia	30.50	21.29	23.30	19.88	18.13	20.93
Western Australia	33.80	22.54	22.44	22.70	23.12	18.81
Tasmania	39.74	23.94	23.37	21.10	21.94	18.33
Northern Territory	58.82	17.54	50.49	43.17	20.98	71.43
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	4.67	13.94	10.21	11.41	10.45
Australia	38.26	22.48	22.01	21.73	20.58	21.19

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921–25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926–30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931–35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	−10,886
1936–40(a) ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941–45(a) ..	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946–50(a) ..	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
1955	123,463	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982	97,255
1956	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450	93,998
Quarter ended 31st March—							
1956 ..	40,352	31,374	71,726	22,333	19,972	42,305	29,421
1957 ..	34,086	29,724	63,810	23,170	19,442	42,612	21,198

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (−) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

Oversea Migration—Permanent Movement(a) Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	1956.	Quarter ended March—		1956.	Quarter ended March—	
		1956.	1957.		1956.	1957.
British(d)	50,969	15,932	15,506	29,942	8,813	8,691
Foreign—						
American (U.S.)	1,266	282	394	964	260	279
Austrian	3,404	1,159	596	100	16	49
Belgian	53	20	8	10	1	4
Chinese	498	201	336	153	43	35
Czechoslovak	60	12	10	94	33	16
Danish	1,309	173	614	44	8	13
Dutch	11,883	3,689	2,376	1,663	446	349
Estonian	9	1	5	14	5	4
French	513	130	164	257	59	79
German	6,044	2,024	1,535	900	234	243
Greek	11,984	3,792	1,506	243	39	34
Hungarian	508	62	2,823	31	11	10
Israeli	888	267	133	16	6	6
Italian	27,705	10,048	4,217	2,272	588	646
Japanese	214	34	46	36	11	21
Latvian	37	9	8	44	7	14
Lebanese	1,095	196	149	31	9	6
Lithuanian	12	3	7	59	30	2
Norwegian	126	40	22	32	5	14
Polish(e)	182	45	77	105	26	29
Russian(f)	396	152	76	94	18	18
Swedish	89	34	28	23	5	5
Swiss	350	116	76	88	18	27
Ukrainian	33	7	7	40	4	3
Yugoslav	1,116	373	365	64	11	13
Stateless	1,882	430	(g)1,542	135	43	65
Other	1,197	376	283	263	73	97
Total	123,822	39,607	32,909	37,717	10,822	10,772

(a) The movements of oversea travellers are classified as permanent or temporary on the basis that "permanent" means intended residence for one year or longer. (b) Excludes Australian residents returning from absences of less than one year and Australian troops irrespective of their length of stay abroad. (c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of less than one year in Australia and Australian troops. (d) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purpose of this table. (e) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (f) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian. (g) Includes 852 persons formerly resident in Hungary.

Permanent Movement(a) Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	1956.	Quarter ended March—		1956.	Quarter ended March—	
		1956.	1957.		1956.	1957.
European	120,456	38,278	31,331	36,925	10,599	10,497
Asian	3,206	1,263	1,458	748	210	252
African	48	12	1	4	1	..
Polynesian	112	54	119	40	12	23
Total	123,822	39,607	32,909	37,717	10,822	10,772

(a) *See* note (a) above. (b) *See* note (b) above. (c) *See* note (c) above.

Oversea Migration—Permanent Movement(a) classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(d)	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	1956.	Quarter ended March—		1956.	Quarter ended March—	
		1956.	1957.		1956.	1957.
Commonwealth—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	36,594	11,309	11,164	14,532	4,309	3,358
Canada	958	220	338	1,375	264	567
Cyprus	743	261	41	46	21	5
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	870	231	241	396	107	188
Malta	3,002	975	229	507	108	453
New Guinea	652	269	472	2,015	550	602
New Zealand	2,881	917	830	3,811	1,134	1,468
Papua	522	153	227	1,321	344	407
Union of South Africa ..	288	57	77	274	95	111
Other	3,239	1,213	1,614	2,880	961	716
Total, Commonwealth Countries ..	49,749	15,605	15,233	27,157	7,893	7,875
Other—						
Austria	4,164	1,368	1,899	82	10	35
Denmark	1,297	164	633	40	5	12
France..	416	115	109	345	99	75
Germany	6,324	2,059	1,580	728	200	258
Greece	10,889	3,410	1,225	254	55	28
Hungary	500	63	2,508	1	..	3
Italy	27,963	10,225	4,266	3,532	1,096	897
Netherlands	11,753	3,611	2,381	1,375	380	266
Poland	92	28	50	37	5	15
Yugoslavia	1,143	317	590	51	7	7
Other European ..	1,239	439	274	495	90	172
China	394	158	88	35	13	9
Indonesia	400	134	74	174	42	82
Egypt	2,155	669	644	82	40	..
United States of America ..	1,768	429	566	2,461	651	723
Polynesian Islands ..	168	761	63	243	73	69
Other	3,408	52	726	625	163	246
Total, Other Countries	74,073	24,002	17,676	10,560	2,929	2,897
GRAND TOTAL ..	123,822	39,607	32,909	37,717	10,822	10,772

(a) *See* note (a) on page 8. (b) *See* note (b) on page 8. (c) *See* note (c) on page 8. (d) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (*see* following table) as regards both country of intended future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Oversea Migration—Temporary Movement(*a*) classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(*d*)	Arrivals.(*b*)			Departures.(*c*)		
	1956.	Quarter ended March—		1956.	Quarter ended March—	
		1956.	1957.		1956.	1957.
Australia	57,608	15,692	14,337	51,400	16,080	14,454
Other Commonwealth—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland	9,939	3,152	2,867	10,091	2,740	2,682
Canada	1,115	217	336	1,175	283	399
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	1,747	390	313	1,336	338	389
New Guinea	3,553	1,189	1,103	3,008	780	1,016
New Zealand	22,305	5,428	4,935	22,480	5,707	6,030
Papua	3,322	849	1,047	2,533	664	851
Union of South Africa	886	154	152	875	146	166
Other	6,042	1,810	1,966	6,052	1,533	1,783
Total, Other Commonwealth Countries	48,909	13,189	12,719	47,550	12,191	13,316
Other—						
Denmark	141	32	15	131	29	19
France	803	230	112	924	177	129
Germany	685	77	117	680	84	95
Greece	105	27	29	84	19	22
Hungary	181	..	2	133	5	..
Italy	466	56	51	559	65	113
Netherlands	646	146	188	762	169	162
Yugoslavia	96	9	15	65	1	2
Other European	2,012	149	154	1,923	166	174
China	267	13	41	113	18	109
Indonesia	823	193	168	575	119	124
Egypt	63	15	4	39	17	1
United States of America	6,246	1,307	1,829	6,527	1,387	1,957
Polynesian Islands	1,455	433	471	1,390	465	533
Other	3,120	551	649	2,878	491	630
Total, Other Countries	17,109	3,238	3,845	16,783	3,212	4,070
GRAND TOTAL	123,626	32,119	30,901	115,733	31,483	31,840

(*a*) *See* note (*a*) on page 8. (*b*) Excludes Australian residents returning after absences of one year or more. (*c*) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of one year or more in Australia. (*d*) "Permanent Residence" means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of intended future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA. ('000 Acres.)								
1938–39..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1952–53..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209
1953–54..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954–55..	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1	10,673
1955–56..	2,937	2,141	582	1,609	2,890	6	1	10,166
1956–57(*a*)	1,713	1,530	390	1,455	2,700	6	..	7,794
PRODUCTION. ('000 Bushels.)								
1938–39..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1952–53..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953–54..	63,681	53,698	10,180	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,960
1954–55..	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	15	168,616
1955–56..	57,149	41,083	14,922	28,892	53,250	129	19	195,444
1956–57(*a*)	28,000	35,500	8,000	31,500	31,600	100	..	134,700
YIELD PER ACRE. (Bushels.)								
1938–39..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	28.7	10.8
1952–53..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	19.1
1953–54..	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954–55..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	19.4	15.8
1955–56..	19.5	19.2	25.7	18.0	18.4	20.7	25.5	19.2
1956–57(*a*)	16.3	23.2	20.5	21.6	11.7	16.7	11.1	17.3

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES. ('000 Acres.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938–39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1951–52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,163	7	1	10,839
1952–53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953–54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954–55 ..	3,178	2,430	745	1,767	3 100	12	1	11,233
1955–56 ..	3,064	2,174	640	1,678	2,965	10	1	10,532

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	
AREA. ('000 Acres.)								
1938–39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,498
1951–52 ..	2,365	1,118	170	118	1,549	282	..	19,683
1952–53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,251
1953–54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	128	1,935	340	..	21,013
1954–55 ..	2.574	1,691	170	107	1,984	374	..	21,695
1955–56 ..	3,354	1,894	167	94	2,241	373	..	22,454
PRODUCTION.								
	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	
1938–39 ..	15,555	10,831	7,057	274	3,321	5,679	820	..
1951–52 ..	34,506	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745	..
1952–53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6.967	949	..
1953–54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954–55 ..	32,834	29,400	5,076	468	2,856	10,087	1,328	..
1955–56 ..	56,487	41,655	4,755	402	3,625	8,901	1,172	..

(*a*) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK.
('000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939 ..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1952 ..	311	169	289	63	53	19	32	1	937
1953 ..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895
1954 ..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	850
1955 ..	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803
1956 ..	247	119	261	44	46	15	37	1	770
CATTLE—BEEF.									
1952 ..	2,416	776	5,138	201	621	110	1,058	7	10,327
1953 ..	2,405	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954 ..	2,316	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,771
1955 ..	2,242	856	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,950
1956 ..	2,341	954	5,946	302	673	148	1,028	6	11,398
CATTLE—DAIRY.									
1952 ..	1,205	1,439	1,297	236	231	155	..	3	4,566
1953 ..	1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,746
1954 ..	1,238	1,541	1,383	261	230	174	..	3	4,830
1955 ..	1,219	1,600	1,377	269	228	190	..	3	4,886
1956 ..	1,338	1,662	1,384	264	224	184	..	3	5,059
CATTLE—TOTAL.									
1939 ..	2,812	1,697	(a)6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1952 ..	3,621	2,215	6,435	437	852	265	1,058	10	14,893
1953 ..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954 ..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,601
1955 ..	3,461	2,456	7,238	524	861	319	969	8	15,836
1956 ..	3,679	2,616	7,330	566	897	332	1,028	9	16,457
SHEEP.									
1939 ..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1952 ..	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,647
1953 ..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072
1954 ..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,087	2,465	31	252	126,944
1955 ..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	29	245	130,849
1956 ..	62,988	23,343	22,116	13,585	14,128	2,673	33	258	139,124
PIGS.									
1939 ..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1952 ..	293	214	316	65	86	47	1	..	1,022
1953 ..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954 ..	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955 ..	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,297
1956 ..	343	227	373	73	99	50	1	..	1,166

(a) December, previous year.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE).
('000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938–39 ..	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1951–52 ..	437,837	224,958	138,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	252	1,765	1,079,977
1952–53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086
1953–54 ..	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954–55 ..	540,977	253,364	176,548	155,761	129,667	23,797	311	2,232	1,282,657
1955–56(c) ..	593,712	273,356	186,406	173,697	156,454	23,418	393	2,329	1,409,764

(a) Estimated. (b) For year ended 31st December, 1938. (c) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. ('000 gal.)								
1938–39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1951–52 ..	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	42,189	593	1,047,376
1952–53 ..	317,385	436,417	285,533	84,249	49,830	41,139	688	1,215,241
1953–54 ..	282,187	474,358	249,712	85,014	49,996	47,642	743	1,189,652
1954–55 ..	315,719	536,835	275,605	90,699	54,194	52,022	725	1,325,799
1955–56(b) ..	335,234	578,493	282,891	91,109	55,578	60,959	913	1,405,177
Nine months ended—								
Mar., 1956(b) ..	271,704	493,167	231,221	74,786	45,678	51,296	710	1,168,562
Mar., 1957(b) ..	242,176	515,598	213,052	73,157	47,097	55,401	793	1,147,274
BUTTER (Factory and Farm). (Tons.)								
1938–39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1951–52 ..	25,242	60,342	28,211	8,131	6,880	6,507	6	135,319
1952–53 ..	38,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,480
1953–54 ..	31,354	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954–55 ..	40,128	80,182	46,223	8,704	7,266	8,571	4	191,078
1955–56(b) ..	42,325	91,421	48,459	8,656	7,542	10,183	4	208,590
Nine months ended—								
Mar., 1956(b) ..	35,743	79,570	40,052	7,134	6,463	8,690	3	177,655
Mar., 1957(b) ..	28,765	80,406	35,302	7,180	6,471	9,453	4	167,581
CHEESE (Factory and Farm). (Tons.)								
1938–39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1951–52 ..	1,995	22,255	4,700	10,615	625	408	..	40,598
1952–53 ..	3,163	22,386	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
1953–54 ..	3,210	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954–55 ..	2,508	20,302	7,921	13,101	1,086	275	..	45,193
1955–56(b) ..	3,391	13,955	7,572	12,626	847	292	..	38,693
Nine months ended—								
Mar., 1956(b) ..	2,789	11,897	6,599	11,226	686	247	..	33,444
Mar., 1957(b) ..	3,235	18,180	6,371	10,683	1,045	297	..	39,811

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA. (a)

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened).	Concentrated Whole Milk.(c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods.(d)		Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Buttermilk and Whey.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.	Tons.	Tons.
1938–39	15,519	(e) 1,659	10,712	(f) 1,259	33,367	(g)	(h) 556
1951–52	52,467	16,743	15,121	12,066	76,496	10,887	2,938
1952–53	55,385	14,493	22,393	10,042	83,655	16,103	4,073
1953–54	42,386	19,464	18,905	11,740	75,995	19,804	5,358
1954–55	38,493	10,476	15,730	11,294	64,365	24,633	5,086
1955–56(b) ..	45,399	14,870	17,423	13,125	72,631	30,634	4,586
Nine months ended—							
Mar., 1956(b) ..	39,627	12,504	14,865	9,901	61,924	27,425	3,868
Mar., 1957(b) ..	43,866	16,493	15,162	10,315	65,144	27,438	4,898

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
1938–39 ..	**172,001**	**113,985**	**207,007**	**24,731**	**27,733**	**10,946**	**2,235**	**572**	559,210
1951–52 ..	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285	1,806	581,888
1952–53 ..	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,464	674,849
1953–54 ..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
1954–55 ..	215,462	142,719	271,550	34,431	37,087	13,670	3,374	1,616	719,909
1955–56 ..	222,315	139,114	291,532	37,512	38,170	15,416	5,203	1,795	751,057
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	169,452	103,741	216,466	27,972	26,569	11,363	3,903	1,342	560,808
March, 1957(*a*) ..	168,958	113,503	218,145	29,667	26,986	13,106	4,037	1,342	575,744
MUTTON.									
1938–39 ..	**72,131**	**77,445**	**18,950**	**18,495**	**14,362**	**4,004**	**5**	**356**	205,748
1951–52 ..	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	648	175,830
1952–53 ..	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,007
1953–54 ..	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
1954–55 ..	73,484	93,322	17,254	28,581	20,916	6,050	78	845	240,530
1955–56 ..	70,841	85,515	21,215	27,303	23,338	5,177	59	980	234,428
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	53,787	70,016	16,133	20,614	18,118	3,904	50	734	183,356
March, 1957(*a*) ..	50,576	52,600	15,539	19,860	17,874	4,409	34	734	161,626
LAMB.									
1938–39 ..	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1951–52 ..	**37,747**	**44,227**	**1,338**	**11,059**	**7,600**	**4,243**	..	**312**	106,526
1952–53 ..	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
1953–54 ..	48 759	48 320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
1954–55 ..	49 015	62,289	1,296	21 272	7,497	5,851	..	414	147,634
1955–56 ..	49,774	60,713	1,805	17,036	9,421	6,601	..	353	145,703
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	38,722	52,417	1,495	14,962	8,157	5,145	..	263	121,161
March, 1957(*a*) ..	36,661	41,778	1,620	13,751	8,169	5,029	..	263	107,271
PORK.									
1938–39 ..	9,617	10,769	11,844	**2,037**	**1,092**	**1,623**	8	43	37,033
1951–52 ..	10,382	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952–53 ..	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953–54 ..	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,396
1954–55 ..	17,026	11,078	8,948	3,521	4,362	2,027	65	192	47,219
1955–56(*a*) ..	14,629	11,047	7,708	3,452	3,481	2,193	68	192	42,770
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956(*a*) ..	11,175	8,298	5,796	2,715	2,731	1,607	50	144	32,516
March, 1957(*a*) ..	11,236	8,041	5,125	1,936	2,454	1,560	48	153	30,553
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).									
1938–39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1951–52(*b*) ..	12,514	8,964	7,669	2,969	3.683	829	..	..	36,628
1952–53(*b*) ..	13,228	8,165	9,510	3,963	3,693	886	..	..	38,545
1953–54(*b*) ..	11,875	7.044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	..	36,990
1954–55(*b*) ..	11,769	8,074	10,807	3,378	3,316	1,027	..	..	38,371
1955–56(*a*)(*b*) ..	11,426	7,774	10,217	3,586	3,236	1,033	..	..	37,272
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956(*a*) ..	8,916	5,787	7,558	2,778	2,579	783	..	..	28,401
March, 1957(*a*) ..	7,804	5,698	7,355	2,587	2,451	739	..	..	26,634
TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.									
1938–39 ..	**299,975**	**271,939**	**252,045**	**64,829**	**53,880**	20,421	**2,248**	**1,055**	966,392
1951–52 ..	305,748	267,129	211,062	68,902	63.441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952–53 ..	370,652	294,702	292,349	89.585	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953–54 ..	374,543	292,532	299,131	85,969	69.475	24,769	3,418	2.888	1,152,766
1954–55 ..	370,992	320,388	313,745	92,399	74.373	29,000	3,517	3.067	1,207.481
1955–56(*a*) ..	373,099	306,962	336,158	90,179	78,809	30,791	5,330	3,320	1,224,648
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956(*a*) ..	285,262	242,343	250,171	70,041	59,081	23,084	4,003	2,483	936,468
March, 1957(*a*) ..	278,045	223,669	250,422	68,733	58,817	25,109	4,119	2,492	911,406

(*a*) Subject to revision. (*b*) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT(a).
(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1955.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	283	640	295	1	13,449	..	866	15,534
Silver-Lead-Zinc Mining	31,950	..	(b)	(f)	(b)	2,669	..	49,143
Copper-Gold Mining ..	23	..	(b)	(f)	(b)	(b)	611	6,559
Tin Mining	216	..	575	..	90	1,128	3	2,012
Mineral Sands Mining	2,120	..	1,295	..	..	..	..	3,415
Other Metal Mining ..	78	20	(b)	3,702	1,116	(b)	146	7,867
Total Metal Mining	34,670	660	19,303	3,703	14,725	9,843	1,626	84,530
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	41,715	815	6,729	778	3,089	611	..	53,737
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	4,382	..	..	..	..	..	4,382
Total Fuel Mining..	41,715	5,197	6,729	778	3,089	611	..	58,119
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and Construction Material Quarrying (c)	7,859	5,060	860	6,031	1,932	290	65	(d)22,222
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	84,244	10,917	26,892	10,512	19,746	10,744	1,691	d164,871
1954(c)	78,202	10,080	21,602	8,580	20,736	8,955	1,145	d 149,403
1953(c)	72,346	9,329	17,284	6,203	20,011	8,037	1,221	d 134,542
1952(c)	77,097	8,535	17,429	6,047	17,704	8,750	1,282	136,844
1951(c)	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,938	13,474	10,552	(e)	114,712
1950(c)	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,428	12,037	7,049	(e)	85,719
1939(c)	12,914	2,789	3,438	3,648	12,496	2,145	(e)	37,430

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (e) Not available. (f) Not available for publication; included with Other Metal Mining.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.							Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten. (a)	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons
Quarter Ended 31st December, 1956.									
New South Wales	1,055	8	..	61	82	1	59	3,879	..
Victoria ..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	31	2,566
Queensland ..	8,672	15	..	13	113	3	5	709	..
South Australia ..	1	..	623	..	..	..	..	128	..
Western Australia	22	208	35	2	90	..	..	201	..
Tasmania ..	2,590	5	..	3	194	323	8	78	..
Northern Territory	1,340	17	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
Australia—									
Dec. Qtr. 1956	13,680	265	658	79	479	343	72	5,026	2,566
Dec. Qtr. 1955	10,841	279	537	70	534	367	63	4,781	2,543
Year—									
1956 ..	53,041	1,030	2,543	299	2,078	1,582	278	19,274	10,560
1955 ..	45,496	1,049	2,304	296	2,017	1,482	257	19,275	10,112
1954 ..	40,857	1,118	2,274	285	2,075	1,372	253	19,763	9,331
1953 ..	36,585	1,075	2,132	269	1,553	1,406	239	18,411	8,257
1952 ..	18,578	980	1,883	228	1,610	1,282	196	19,404	8,104

(a) In terms of WO_3 (tungstic trioxide).

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Employed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used. (c)	(6) Value of Production. (d)	(7) Value of Output. (e)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938–39 ..	26,941	565,106	106,743	15,700	281,303	203,417	500,420	274,583
1951–52 ..	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,629	1,513,210	1,024,867	2,634,706	769,634
1952–53 ..	47,740	933,261	635,245	109,337	1,527,805	1,082,862	2,720,004	907,980
1953–54 ..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,747,973	1,227,045	3,095,476	1,064,146
1954–55 ..	51,056	1,031,082	781,640	128,382	1,940,698	1,365,509	3,434,589	1,254,288
1955–56 ..	52,406	1,060,498	853,468	139,127	2,125,819	1,498,424	3,763,370	1,458,943

(*a*) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (*b*) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (*c*) Includes value of containers, packing, &c., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (*d*) Value of production equals figures in column (7) *less* total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (*e*) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938–39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(*a*) ,,	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, Wages paid(*b*) £'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, &c. used ,,	7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. ,, materials used ,,	120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. ,, production(*c*) ,,	90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. ,, output ,,	218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
8. ,, land & buildings,,	57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,921
9. ,, plant & mchnry.,,	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662
1954–55.							
1. Factories .. No.	20,837	15,861	5,284	3,750	3,727	1,597	51,056
2. Persons employed(*a*) ,,	419,810	346,648	100,293	89,565	49,314	25,452	1,031,082
3. Salaries, wages paid(*b*) £'000.	326,615	262,750	68,300	70,373	34,738	18,864	781,640
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ,,	60,925	31,767	11,620	12,897	8,046	3,127	128,382
5. ,, materials used ,,	802,617	616,666	224,336	169,136	80,583	47,360	1,940,698
6. ,, production(*c*) ,,	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
7. ,, output ,,	1,446,669	1,100,656	356,017	293,061	149,585	88,601	3,434,589
8. ,, land & buildings,,	221,519	186,324	46,187	42,133	30,230	29,603	555,996
9. ,, plant & mchnry.,,	258,596	226,347	76,367	52,145	54,958	29,879	698,292
1955–56.							
1. Factories .. No.	21,602	16,053	5,378	3,908	3,871	1,594	52,406
2. Persons employed(*a*) ,,	433,081	355,185	102,473	92,589	50 108	27,062	1,060,498
3. Salaries, wages paid(*b*) £'000.	359,023	286,944	72,460	76,237	37,207	21,598	853,469
4. Value of fuel, &c., used,,	66,569	34,598	11,980	12,830	9,053	4,097	139,127
5. ,, materials used ,,	886,082	674,846	231,584	183,196	96,360	53,751	2,125,819
6. ,, production(*c*) ,,	642,136	491,948	128,080	120,936	69,733	45,931	1,498,764
7. ,, output ,,	1,594,787	1,201,392	371,644	316,962	175,146	103,779	3,763,710
8. ,, land & buildings,,	260,268	214,921	52,602	48,353	32,859	46,579	655,582
9. ,, plant & mchnry.,,	298,913	258,295	85,777	63,596	56,534	40,425	803,540

(*a*) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (*b*) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (*c*) Value of production equals figures in line 7 *less* totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.

(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938–39.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	26,567	31,504	34,543
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c.	5,572	26,229	30,306	31,908
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	82,317	98,126	119,163
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	468,298	532,969	595,362
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	931	6,406	6,857	7,479
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	78,558	78,394	81,450
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	16,613	16,917	16,983
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	93,563	98,417	102,468
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	177,881	186,539	197,798
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	65,731	74,237	78,493
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c.	4,200	21,367	23,657	24,896
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c.	14,559	79,312	90,540	99,050
XIII. Rubber	2,761	21,102	22,725	25,894
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	1,845	2,065	2,616
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	23,037	25,585	28,170
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	38,219	46,671	52,491
Total	203,417	1,227,045	1,365,509	1,498,764

(a) *See* note (c) on previous page.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)

(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938–39—Males	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1951–52—Males	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
Females	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
1952–53—Males	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953–54—Males	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.49	754.20	791.86	820.98
Females	499.19	510.96	418.23	465.95	421.93	477.84	493.10
1954–55—Males	906.61	891.40	773.47	883.13	797.80	833.05	877.84
Females	514.94	529.63	431.68	477.11	434.21	487.12	509.56
1955–56—Males	967.45	955.00	802.89	925.47	839.62	904.78	933.92
Females	540.06	547.43	445.22	496.84	449.61	500.06	530.23

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1955-56.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	327,106	258,006	85,123	76,144	43,340	22,128	811,847
Females	105,975	97,179	17,350	16,445	6,768	4,934	248,651
Masculinity(b)	309	266	491	463	640	448	327

(a) Includes working proprietors. (b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938–39.	1952–53.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.	Nine Months ended March.(a)	
							1956.	1957.
Beer	Mill. gal.	89	192	209	222	227	(b) 186	(b) 175
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	148.3	150.5	150.8	158.6	116.7	120.1
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	939	1,202	1,532	1,554	1,156	1,174
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,967	17,970	20,476	19,881	19,815	14,729	15,853
Bricks, Clay	Million.	721	667	802	839	840	627	591
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	24.3	26.1	28.1	26.5	20.2	17.8
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	868	1,439	1,700	1,920	2,035	1,488	1,641
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(c)	Mill. sq. yds.	31.8	28.6	32.8	28.9	27.9	19.9	24.7
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,608	18,545	19,424	19,352	19,033	14,022	14,829
Brown	" "	3,663	8,075	8,731	9,668	10,383	7,709	8,012
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	59.0	62.6	57.0	62.4	42.4	47.7
Other	" "	58.1	76.6	76.9	81.5	83.1	62.2	67.1
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	19.1	20.9	30.4	24.5	18.7	26.7
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	12,045	13,707	15,172	16,670	12,316	13,566
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	601.7	972.9	1183.1	1115.9	851.4	703.2
Enamels, Natural and Synthetic	'000 gal.	575	2,108	2,699	3,642	4,126	3,093	3,290
Engines, Internal Combustion—								
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	1,232	1,357	1,380	1,246	927	1,179
Other(f)	"	2,889	21,446	27,467	48,275	103,342	65,457	152,974
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	15,418	16,185	17,784	18,125	12,867	11,558
Flour, Wheaten	'000 short tons	1,373	1,726	1,609	1,553	1 571	1,120	1,277
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	228.4	338.6	319.2	303.9	252.1	213.1
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	40,722	42,100	43,465	44,578	32,721	34,337
Gold (Mine Production)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	1,038	1,111	1,080	1,032	774	788
Hosiery—Men's and Boy's	'000 doz pr.	1,102	1,575	1,895	1,664	1,560	1,146	3,914
Women's and Girls'	" " "	2,747	2,759	3,363	3,549	3,367	2,452	
Children's	" " "							
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,262	13,425	13,678	14,796	16,018	13,400	12,911
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,105	1,692	1,827	1,869	1,911	1,420	1,584
Ingot Steel	" "	1,170	1,801	2,117	2,209	2,320	1,754	2,139
Jam	" "	37.9	34.6	38.3	36.5	37.5	29.5	30.4
Lacquers	'000 gal.	576	1,013	1,307	1,476	1,499	1,119	1,072
Lead(i)	'000 tons	233	192	236	231	225	168	182
Malt, Barley and Wheaten	'000 bush.	3,733	6,793	7,253	7,663	7,928	5,875	5,886
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,448	15,856	21,866	21,972	26,552	20,119	26,766
Other	" "	31,221	49,337	49,939	49,171	43,443	31,261	31,948
Meat, Canned(j)	'000 tons	14.4	92.7	71.9	73.8	70.5	53.7	46.7
Newsprint	" "		34.0	60.4	73.6	79.0	59.0	59.1
Paints, Ready Mixed	'000 gal.	2,115	4,300	5,180	6,098	6,553	4,894	4,929
Refrigerators, Domestic	Thousand	29.5	182.1	274.5	280.6	247.3	210.5	160.8
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,388	8,360	7,627	8,136	5,919	6,265
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	6,982	8,632	7,324	7,977	5,751	5,514
Soap	'000 cwt.	998	1,209	1,247	1,300	1,303	959	920
Stoves, Cooking(k) Electric (l)	Thousand	(m)	22.5	37.2	47.1	47.8	35.4	39.1
Gas	"	46.7	35.7	43.0	58.8	57.0	45.9	40.6
Solid Fuel	"	54.5	47.0	50.4	49.8	47.3	34.3	32.7
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	339	440	449	482	483	375	362
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	24.3	70.2	70.8	78.4	75.3	55.5	82.1
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	" "	489	627	732	835	896	679	622
Superphosphate	" "	1,199	1,581	1,771	1,961	2,126	1,612	1,371
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta	Million	39.7	58.0	63.8	63.9	64.7	48.4	42.7
Cement	"	4.5	46.9	44.7	53.7	53.8	40.6	33.6
Timber, Sawn Native(n)	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,340	1,400	1,449	1,450	1,102	1,082
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	23.3	36.3	41.8	44.5	46.0	34.4	36.5
Vegetables, Preserved(o)	" "	10.3	66.3	40.3	51.1	77.8	62.5	76.2
Wool, Scoured	" "	105	124	137	136	145	103	119
Wool Tops	" "	25.2	26.5	32.8	30.9	35.6	24.8	31.3
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	" "	32.5	35.6	45.9	42.6	43.2	31.9	35.5
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons	69.8	86.2	99.2	100.5	103.9	78.8	80.9

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead content of lead bullion. (j) Excludes canned rabbit and poultry. (k) Domestic. (l) Excludes stovettes, cookers, &c. (m) Figures prior to 1948–49 not available on a comparable basis. (n) Includes sawn sleepers. (o) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(*a*)—AUSTRALIA.(*b*)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938–39.	1949–50.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53. (*c*)	1953–54. (*d*)	1954–55. (*e*)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture	41,679	218,703	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460	243,919
Pastoral(*f*)	63,820	337,121	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716	461,464
Dairying	33,782	81,102	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956	135,798
Poultry	7,302	22,228	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782	29,787
Bee-farming(*g*)	123	743	831	774	1,066	1,426	1,398
Total Rural	146,706	659,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340	872,366
Trapping(*g*)	1,422	5,716	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,074	4,961
Forestry(*g*)	7,811	23,195	28,428	37,905	40,064	41,720	44,047
Fishing and Whaling(*g*)	1,654	4,234	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,741	8,727
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	52,327	71,150	97,199	109,671	104,875	118,087
Total Non-Rural	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	162,227	159,410	175,822
Total All Primary	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	1,104,394	1,092,750	1,048,188
Factories	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,187,256	2,319,795	2,413,697
NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ *s. d.*)							
Agriculture	6 0 6	27 6 2	25 3 8	29 1 3	31 16 1	30 6 4	26 16 8
Pastoral(*f*)	9 4 7	42 1 11	85 5 7	47 3 8	56 16 2	55 10 7	50 15 4
Dairying	4 17 9	10 2 6	10 16 3	12 4 6	15 12 4	15 9 4	14 18 9
Poultry	1 1 1	2 15 7	2 19 7	3 14 4	4 1 1	3 18 7	3 5 6
Bee-farming(*g*)	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 2 0	0 1 10	0 2 5	0 3 2	0 3 1
Total Rural	21 4 3	82 8 1	124 7 1	92 5 7	108 8 1	105 8 0	95 19 4
Trapping(*g*)	0 4 1	0 14 3	0 16 1	0 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 6	0 10 11
Forestry(*g*)	1 2 7	2 17 11	3 8 10	4 9 3	4 12 2	4 14 3	4 16 11
Fishing and Whaling(*g*)	0 4 10	0 10 7	0 11 9	0 13 6	0 15 11	0 17 6	0 19 2
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	6 10 9	8 12 2	11 9 0	12 12 4	11 16 10	12 19 10
Total Non-Rural	5 10 8	10 13 6	13 8 10	17 7 7	18 13 4	18 0 1	19 6 10
Total All Primary	26 14 11	93 1 7	137 15 11	109 13 2	127 1 5	123 8 1	115 6 2
Factories	29 8 4	82 12 2	102 2 2	120 14 10	124 11 11	138 11 5	150 4 4
Total All Industries	56 3 3	175 13 9	239 18 1	230 8 0	251 13 4	261 19 6	265 10 6

(*a*) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c. (*b*) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (*c*) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (*d*) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (*e*) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (*f*) Distributions of profits from the 1939–45 Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (*g*) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a) 1954–55.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture	48,711	61,516	59,656	39,180	23,483	11,240	243,919
Pastoral(c)	175,446	112,196	82,180	45,220	36,194	7,647	461,464
Dairying	44,748	46,428	25,070	10,666	3,226	5,510	135,798
Poultry	12,839	11,796	1,097	1,706	1,363	881	29,787
Bee-farming(d)	736	353	70	126	97	15	1,398
Total Rural	282,480	232,289	168,073	96,898	64,363	25,293	872,366
Trapping(d)	1,923	2,152	152	379	168	165	4,961
Forestry(d)	13,686	9,987	7,895	4,427	3,850	4,037	44,047
Fishing and Whaling(d)	2,739	849	1,275	1,046	2,149	556	8,727
Mining and Quarrying	63,965	8,146	15,934	7,101	14,776	7,057	118,087
Total Non-rural	82,313	21,134	25,256	12,953	20,943	11,815	175,822
Total All Primary	364,793	253,423	193,329	109,851	85,306	37,108	1,048,188
Factories	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
Total All Industries	947,920	705,646	313,390	220,879	146,262	75,222	2,413,697

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)

Agriculture	14	1	7	24	14	6	45	0	3	48	10	5	36	3	9	35	18	3	26	16	8
Pastoral(c)	50	14	4	45	1	10	62	0	1	56	0	0	55	15	6	24	8	8	50	15	4
Dairying	12	18	8	18	13	2	18	18	4	13	4	2	4	19	5	17	12	1	14	18	9
Poultry	3	14	3	4	14	10	0	16	7	2	2	3	2	2	0	2	16	3	3	5	6
Bee-farming(d)	0	4	3	0	2	10	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	1
Total Rural	81	13	1	93	7	2	126	16	4	119	19	11	99	3	8	80	16	3	95	19	4
Trapping(d)	0	11	2	0	17	4	0	2	3	0	9	5	0	5	2	0	10	7	0	10	11
Forestry(d)	3	19	1	4	0	3	5	19	2	5	9	8	5	18	8	12	17	11	4	16	11
Fishing and Whaling(d)	0	15	10	0	6	10	0	19	3	1	5	11	3	6	3	1	15	6	0	19	2
Mining and Quarrying	18	9	9	3	5	6	12	0	6	8	15	10	22	15	5	22	11	0	12	19	10
Total Non-Rural	23	15	10	8	9	11	19	1	2	16	0	10	32	5	6	37	15	0	19	6	10
Total All Primary	105	8	11	101	17	1	145	17	6	136	0	9	131	9	2	118	11	3	115	6	2
Factories	168	11	1	181	15	1	90	11	9	137	9	11	93	18	8	121	15	6	150	4	4
Total All Industries	274	0	0	283	12	2	236	9	3	273	10	8	225	7	10	240	6	9	265	10	6

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (c) Distributions of profits from the War time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (d) Local value.

INDEXES OF QUANTUM(a) OF FARM PRODUCTION.

(*Base : Average* 1936–37 *to* 1938–39=100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1951–52	103	105	97	103	112	100
1952–53	121	126	108	121	131	118
1953–54	129	123	107	122	128	120
1954–55	120	127	117	123	132	120
1955–56(b)	134	136	120	131	146	127

(a) Indexes of Value at constant prices, i.e. quantities revalued at average unit values of base years (1936–37 to 1938–39). (b) Subject to revision.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1957.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
Houses ..	50,457	49,819	13,748	17,321	10,443	5,871	2,243	990	150,892
Flats	1,569	1,387	231	334	639	242	627	(a)	5,029
Shops	3,217	2,623	1,293	511	643	213	130	115	8,745
Business Premises—									
Office ..	5,764	2,979	1,289	766	759	410	529	86	12,482
Other ..	3,605	3,896	2,619	1,141	1,531	516			13,408
Factories ..	14,401	11,503	1,106	1,697	650	468	74	50	29,949
Hotels, Guest Houses, &c. ..	2,937	1,667	738	167	337	(b)			5,940
Educational ..	4,551	3,384	1,194	1,248	549	410			11,493
Religious ..	1,099	748	149	247	344	(b)			2,692
Health ..	3,181	3,161	1,352	1,211	556	334	1,450	545	10,923
Entertainment and Recreation	2,627	1,592	537	399	432	148			5,780
Miscellaneous ..	4,388	1,036	1,358	405	663	503			8,878
Total ..	97,796	83,795	25,614	25,447	17,546	9,174	5,053	1,786	266,211

(a) Included with houses. (b) Not available for publication.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.									
1951–52	83,460	78,740	27,605	22,606	18,724	11,004	2,559	(a)	244,698
1952–53	71,005	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,919	6,611	2,788	(a)	213,066
1953–54	111,097	87,733	27,839	25,649	26,369	9,224	2,856	(a)	290,767
1954–55	124,420	101,995	32,073	29,946	35,458	10,836	5,932	1,605	342,265
1955–56	135,800	121,570	35,024	43,202	26,972	9,889	4,708	2,300	379,465
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	102,820	89,499	27,042	33,612	21,138	7,394	4,240	1,741	287,486
March, 1957 ..	103,638	83,864	30,025	23,959	16,011	10,362	2,939	1,451	272,249
COMPLETED.									
1951–52	76,207	68,925	25,339	18,123	14,426	10,511	2,723	(a)	216,254
1952–53	98,049	76,593	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665	2,875	(a)	263,215
1953–54	101,545	85,250	25,913	26,108	25,785	9,692	3,878	(a)	278,171
1954–55	110,694	97,886	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	1,653	313,320
1955–56	124,138	110,932	30,519	33,717	33,678	12,798	4,287	1,935	352,004
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	91,038	83,134	22,514	23,688	26,170	9,865	3,286	1,438	261,133
March, 1957 ..	97,796	83,795	25,614	25,447	17,546	9,174	5,053	1,786	266,211
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1951–52	(b) 125,674	102,278	18,728	23,813	22,302	13,770	6,208	(b)	(b) 312,773
1952–53	105,261	93,139	17,838	25,253	23,189	10,494	7,161	(b)	282,335
1953–54	120,460	99,372	19,699	23,730	25,701	11,782	7,249	(b)	307,993
1954–55	136,522	106,196	23,446	26,854	29,102	12,399	10,643	1,573	346,735
1955–56	157,617	123,445	28,210	36,996	25,550	9,864	11,240	1,967	394,889
March, 1956 ..	154,179	116,667	28,200	37,246	27,027	10,201	11,650	1,904	387,074
March, 1957 ..	163,889	126,849	33,200	37,261	25,720	11,099	9,301	1,678	408,997

(a) Not available. (b) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1957.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	3,360	5,268	387	4,359	2,093	552	372	29	16,420
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	4,928	8,835	3,876	96	17	1,478	101	5	19,336
Fibro Cement	8,155	865	1,059	1,021	1,484	57	3	203	12,847
Other	21	328	49	8	4	..	..	1	411
Total	16,464	15,296	5,371	5,484	3,598	2,087	476	238	49,014

(a) Includes flats.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
COMMENCED.									
1951–52	24,364	23,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,584	312	(b)	80,001
1952–53	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	(b)	64,457
1953–54	28,395	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	355	(b)	75,243
1954–55 ..	25,502	22,674	7,784	7,190	8,575	2,867	640	249	75,481
1955–56	24,437	21,245	7,173	8,377	6,336	2,490	499	341	70,898
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	18,801	16,343	5,432	6,470	5,051	1,826	448	229	54,600
March, 1957 ..	17,715	14,578	6,060	5,092	4,026	1,850	356	213	49,890
COMPLETED.									
1951–52	23,351	24,088	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	(b)	78,113
1952–53	24,890	21,241	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	(b)	77,538
1953–54	26,513	21,593	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	552	(b)	75,398
1954–55	28,882	23,839	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	398	199	79,838
1955–56	26,369	22,652	7,396	7,721	7,760	2,721	605	312	75,536
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	19,497	17,318	5,572	5,740	5,974	1,998	437	232	56,768
March, 1957 ..	16,464	15,296	5,371	5,484	3,598	2,087	476	238	49,014
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
	(c)								(c)
1951–52	32,806	26,726	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	(b)	82,830
1952–53	28,946	21,675	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	(b)	69,714
1953–54	30,828	20,995	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	(b)	69,573
1954–55	27,448	19,827	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	211	65,359
1955–56	25,516	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240	60,687
March, 1956 ..	26,752	18,844	3,189	6,329	4,785	2,364	702	208	63,173
March, 1957 ..	26,767	17,681	3,795	5,823	4,712	2,068	465	215	61,526

(a) Includes flats. (b) Not available. (c) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
1951–52	1,225	416	29	..	215	21	100	(b)	2,006
1952–53	1,664	692	53	58	100	14	46	(b)	2,627
1953–54	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	(b)	2,180
1954–55	701	781	309	105	316	48	12	(c)	2,272
1955–56	776	1,273	200	86	584	49	..	(c)	2,968
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	541	840	160	82	373	48	..	(c)	2,044
March, 1957(d) ..	662	522	129	137	315	72	188	(c)	2,025

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) Not available. (c) Included with houses. (d) In this period 1,705 flats were commenced, and 2,128 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938–39.	1952–53.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	210,148	280,537	346,096	336,976
Victoria	40,463	173,775	237,683	297,494	299,340
Queensland	9,070	43,222	55,631	68,883	61,738
South Australia	6,670	43,275	51,472	64,804	62,752
Western Australia	6,137	29,874	42,595	50,648	46,482
Tasmania	1,292	13,315	13,049	15,129	12,641
Northern Territory	34	500	642	688	1,155
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	4
Australia	116,754	514,109	681,609	843,742	821,088
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,903	270,082	263,175	220,657	225,650
Victoria	30,819	228,118	203,581	216,572	209,396
Queensland	28,652	145,098	165,105	154,483	152,145
South Australia	14,841	122,948	110,249	95,079	97,666
Western Australia	17,070	83,143	68,459	68,507	76,143
Tasmania	3,198	21,849	17,733	18,762	20,305
Northern Territory	13	34	30	104	559
Australia	140,496	871,272	828,332	774,164	781,864

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.

(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
						Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£	£	£	£	£
1938–39 ..	257,250	116,754	135,476	5,020	140,496	37.1	16.8	19.6	0.7	20.3
1952–53 ..	1,385,381	514,109	863,291	7,981	871,272	158.6	58.9	98.8	0.9	99.7
1953–54 ..	1,509,941	681,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	169.6	76.6	92.1	0.9	93.0
1954–55 ..	1,617,906	843,742	765,883	8,281	774,164	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	85.2
1955–56 ..	1,602,952	821,088	768,090	13,774	781,864	172.1	88.1	82.5	1.5	84.0
Nine months ended—										
March, 1956 ..	1,157,742	617,594	530,693	9,455	540,148	124.7	66.5	57.2	1.0	58.2
March, 1957 ..	1,265,866	532,792	722,098	10,976	733,074	133.2	56.0	76.0	1.2	77.2

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938–39, £2,106; 1952–53, £11,696; 1953–54, £10,266; 1954–55, £13,181; and 1955–56, £13,539.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (−)		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938–39	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1952–53	510,342	3,767	514,109	848,498	22,774	871,272	+338,156	+19,007	+357,163
1953–54	678,590	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+133,276	+13,447	+146,723
1954–55	840,972	2,770	843,742	758,041	16,123	774,164	−82,931	+13,353	−69,578
1955–56	818,293	2,795	821,088	770,837	11,027	781,864	−47,456	+8,232	−39,224
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	615,391	2,203	617,594	530,007	10,141	540,148	−85,384	+7,938	−77,446
March, 1957 ..	530,930	1,862	532,792	718,132	14,942	733,074	+187,202	+13,080	+200,282

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Czechoslovakia.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	769	..	384	1	1	..	915	..	403	..	..	1
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	290	155	2	7,381	1,740	137	373	22	8	..	4	6
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	1,054	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
4. Tobacco	327	..	289	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	16	..
5. Live animals	111	..	..	..	13	5	387	1	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs	231	..	23	..	509	..	951	..	30	..	6	..
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres	749	34	10	193	859	88	635	2	309	..	313	1
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	30,150	..	53	15	12,813	3	23	..	..	..	1,642	924
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	995	9,134	1	..	1,909	27	66	653	191	3,418	307	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2,381	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	327	..	727	15	56	48	9	..	775	..	7	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	126,527	..	6,550	..	28	332	170	28	74	..	1,677	361
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	2,051	15	602	52	24	5,916	25	29	1	..	3	1
14. Wood and wicker	203	1,132	3,710	..	9	997	922	4	1	..	16	13
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	5,210	..	160	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1,094	203
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	15,151	..	2,800	..	108	1	3,614	..	34	..	94	148
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	1,547	..	2	6	19	..	3	..	363	..	176	98
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	3,728	..	163	..	1	..	4	3	5	..	46	33
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	10,396	..	244	28	11	4	44	..	216	..	237	7
20. Miscellaneous	16,875	5	1,273	184	188	71	287	35	210	1	249	122
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	302	..	..	..	..	..
Nine months ended—												
March, 1957	219,072	10,475	17,027	7,875	18,290	7,629	8,733	777	2,628	3,419	5,897	1,920
March, 1956	268,790	7,128	18,033	6,592	18,300	12,982	5,941	1,030	3,023	12,225	8,259	1,995
Year 1955–56	355,912	9,801	23,306	8,632	23,469	16,230	8,531	1,453	4,001	14,862	11,579	2,728
,, 1954–55	378,669	15,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	2,492	4,349	15,319	12,234	2,331
,, 1953–54	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8,599	3,375	16,410	7,063	2,147
,, 1952–53	214,702	5,998	19,546	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,999	5,858	3,101	14,912	5,506	1,019
,, 1938–39	46,094	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(a)	291	744	1,122	572

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Iran.	Japan.	Netherlands.	Norway.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Other Countries.	Total All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	4	131	..	43	..	827	19	434	6	108	279	4,325
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	119	66	3,164	550	..	6	399	4	2	26	5,900	20,354
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	91	7	..	18	..	..	6	..	..	3	27	1,211
4. Tobacco	1	3	30	1	..	..	93	..	..	7,137	2,661	10,564
5. Live animals	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	11	545
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs	60	5	..	12	..	11	43	16	24	98	760	2,779
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres	64	488	486	457	27	64	116	24	47	3,623	5,857	14,446
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	1,976	2,512	6	2,302	4	4,735	1,974	91	57	368	6,133	65,781
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	211	125	14,423	229	13,055	8	108	15	9	4,724	19,571	69,179
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	7	418	..	129	..	409	47	3	..	816	365	4,620
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	6	82	33	33	..	3	17	8	34	1,346	652	4,178
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	2,568	10,544	1	1,332	..	1,240	2,537	789	2,786	36,209	3,091	196,844
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	145	79	1	157	..	13	3	..	29	2,528	1,074	12,748
14. Wood and Wicker	15	33	122	25	..	84	9	449	689	3,319	1,895	13,647
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	284	509	..	65	..	709	37	15	101	555	375	9,320
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	30	618	..	128	..	127	373	987	4,003	1,259	2,323	31,798
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	73	1,108	..	105	..	455	62	38	17	32	1,274	5,378
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	55	945	..	110	..	165	102	1	22	1,593	319	7,295
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	819	3,369	2	251	..	103	1,022	133	139	1,468	3,843	22,336
20. Miscellaneous	317	2,132	185	646	1	329	807	93	493	5,212	3,867	33,582
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,560	1,862
Nine months ended—												
March, 1957	6,851	23,174	18,453	6,593	13,087	9,288	7,774	3,100	8,458	70,435	61,837	532,792
March, 1956	12,067	25,402	16,970	9,039	7,812	18,210	9,746	3,799	9,466	72,976	67,809	617,594
Year 1955–56	15,626	34,998	22,401	11,821	22,819	22,592	13,233	5,786	12,048	98,790	80,470	821,088
,, 1954–55	14,689	30,838	22,529	11,740	5,934	18,422	13,081	6,510	13,516	102,157	83,159	843,742
,, 1953–54	11,793	21,365	21,972	11,182	47	6,545	9,618	4,737	10,230	73,254	66,850	681,609
,, 1952–53	9,253	13,582	21,544	5,225	323	4,692	5,954	2,420	6,786	85,168	54,291	514,109
,, 1938–39	1,172	(a) 4,710	8,117	781	956	4,666	799	432	1,079	16,699	12,154	(b)116,754

(a) Pre-War Germany. (b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of.	Malaya, Federation of	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	51,295	1,273	1,489	1,204	1,723	2	2,647	66	4,030	15	731	121
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	40,794	4,662	5,035	2,334	14,490	17	2,691	10,732	2,393	18	710	76
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	509	333	1	9	7	..	36	91	22	..	..	..
4. Tobacco	51	..	5	..	2	..	1	88	15	..	..	..
5. Live animals	6	..	..	20	12	..	26	84	376	1	3	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs	87,174	1,750	14	1,120	1,868	1,584	..	265	9	578	21,173	131
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres	968	14	1	..	8	..	..	146	..	26	123	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	152	26	1	15	359	..	2	538	10	7	6	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1,554	1	455	23	287	..	395	3,237	1,244	126	43	20
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	3	4	3	29	8	..	14	267	25	..	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	3,680	35	1	..	10	..	13	341	41	71	2,262	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	14,324	581	266	720	3,836	11	677	11,800	1,247	806	183	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	1,424	5	11	369	15	..	32	275	119	57	5	..
14. Wood and wicker	425	26	8	21	10	2	1	1,403	8	234	6	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china glass and stoneware ..	11	..	..	..	58	..	..	344	14	4	1	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	226	1	8	..	18	..	16	1,424	33	35	1	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	58	9	11	12	1	..	..	132	15	31	4	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	87	4	..	9	3	..	5	431	16	25	2	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	270	18	135	47	66	..	135	1,087	157	66	21	5
20. Miscellaneous	1,282	65	134	1,096	72	4	347	2,646	960	64	6	6
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	1,288	..	763	9,664	..	..	..	62	..	..	..	..
Nine months ended—												
March, 1957	205,581	8,807	8,341	16,692	22,853	1,620	7,038	35,459	10,734	2,164	25,280	359
March, 1956	180,598	8,391	6,096	12,359	6,121	1,206	7,229	29,092	8,092	1,417	16,748	1,125
Year 1955–56	257,414	10,911	8,687	14,053	12,159	1,536	9,337	40,928	12,100	2,438	26,173	1,774
,, 1954–55	285,506	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,428	3,292	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,869	31,252	1,878
,, 1953–54	300,765	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	2,186	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,588	32,663	3,073
,, 1952–53	359,257	8,712	14,687	4,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	26,677	12,794	3,640	32,141	3,374
,, 1938–39	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(a)	813	5,547	601

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Netherlands.	Poland.	Sweden.	U.S.S.R.	United States of America.	Other Countries.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	53	2,119	404	1,229	879	107	..	46	..	2,519	8,599	80,551
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	993	6,188	2,644	251	9,554	1,079	..	101	..	48	18,512	123,322
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	519	1,536
4. Tobacco	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	207	369
5. Live animals	..	1	3	..	165	10	..	..	..	72	410	1,189
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs	65,994	23,222	..	36,622	78,596	1,449	9,832	645	..	17,070	20,780	369,876
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures and synthetic fibres	10	117	8	64	5	98	..	10	..	657	151	2,406
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	8	27	1	485	258	7	..	..	..	49	91	2,042
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	3	355	7	230	212	347	..	6	..	49	3,443	12,037
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	48	46	..	..	3	..	..	..	11	351	812
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	384	692	..	431	4,036	774	63	251	..	8,773	1,684	23,542
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	115	261	1,441	195	8,778	337	18	49	..	17,074	7,536	70,255
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	..	7	15	17	2	4	..	16	..	12	461	2,846
14. Wood and wicker	2	16	2	..	..	39	..	..	..	18	374	2,595
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	2	1	5	..	4	..	..	1	..	4	346	795
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	2	1	11	10	..	1	2	1	..	22	300	2,112
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery, and timepieces	3	47	..	..	76	4	..	1	..	65	58	527
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	1	37	7	2	3	..	1	..	..	88	96	817
19. Chemicals, Medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc. ..	30	212	29	9	510	6	..	4	..	899	525	4,231
20. Miscellaneous	72	59	133	93	482	107	7	153	19	456	8,009	16,272
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,979	186	14,942
Nine months ended—												
March, 1957	67,672	33,410	4,760	39,638	103,562	4,372	9,923	1,284	19	50,868	72,638	733,074
March, 1956	49,465	21,540	4,874	22,807	58,785	3,715	6,226	1,690	..	37,397	55,175	540,148
Year 1955–56	67,314	36,431	6,705	34,621	86,490	6,192	8,253	3,483	..	55,004	79,861	781,864
,, 1954–55	64,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	6,243	3,243	154	52,440	42,589	744,164
,, 1953–54	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,698	5,578	7,286	3,601	26,146	55,534	73,956	828,332
,, 1952–53	76,016	22,366	5,064	44,706	83,958	8,081	3,644	2,888	1,642	57,837	66,087	871,272
,, 1938–39	9,386	(*a*) 2,652	1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	426	637	278	19,562	8,702	140,496

(*a*) Pre-War Germany.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.
(£A'000.)

Statistical Class and Excise Division.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	113	78	351	228
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	377	390	978	1,058
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	626	516	2,044	2,018
4. Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff	2,763	2,861	9,428	9,153
5. Live animals	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	7	2	14	8
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	45	67	175	195
8*a*. Yarns and manufactured fibres	136	132	391	356
8*b*. Textiles	2,165	1,474	7,127	4,629
8*c*. Apparel	618	336	1,959	1,257
9. Oils, fats and waxes	4,492	2,636	14,330	9,506
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes	32	44	103	121
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	7	9	27	22
12*a*. Metals and metal manufactures	3,040	1,955	9,418	7,158
12*b*. Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances, etc.	641	1,057	1,924	2,947
12*c*. Machines and machinery (except dynamo electrical)	2,027	1,696	5,941	5,308
13*a*. Rubber and rubber manufactures	338	227	1,008	713
13*b*. Leather and leather manufactures	31	18	83	58
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	346	360	1,188	1,099
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware	500	352	1,789	1,287
16*a*. Pulp, paper and board	182	125	509	379
16*b*. Paper manufactures and stationery	112	81	446	304
17. Sporting material, toys, jewellery and timepieces	418	275	2,298	1,468
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments, etc.	270	252	927	808
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	291	295	945	874
20. Miscellaneous goods (including passenger's baggage and Post Office collections)	604	460	1,925	1,495
Sundry undistributed duties	92	53	210	143
Duties under Industries Preservation Act	1	..	7	4
Customs other miscellaneous receipts	88	68	235	237
Total Customs	20,362	15,819	65,780	52,833
Primage	1,809	1,053	6,098	3,606
Total Customs and Primage	22,171	16,872	71,878	56,439
EXCISE.				
Beer	22,207	27,037	63,161	79,711
Spirits	1,570	1,574	5,326	6,091
Tobacco	3,447	4,194	10,623	13,041
Cigars and cigarettes	8,945	12,289	25,862	35,454
Petrol	5,510	10,553	14,163	28,139
Playing cards	12	11	36	37
Cigarette papers and tubes	217	221	680	680
Matches	256	257	805	815
Coal	103	126	414	451
Other Excise including licences	97	237	390	548
Total Excise	42,364	56,499	121,460	164,967
Total gross Customs, Primage and Excise revenue	64,535	73,371	193,338	221,406
Refunds and drawback paid	1,922	1,378	5,445	4,583
Total net Customs, Primage and Excise revenue	62,613	71,993	187,893	216,823

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	56	37	242	145
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process	336	345	1,265	1,102
Preserved in airtight containers	1,237	799	3,566	2,169
Other	123	70	463	233
Lactose	39	55	129	165
Meats—				
Sausage casings (excluding synthetic)	81	68	282	241
Other	16	33	62	102
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	39	46	159	168
Total, Class I.	1,927	1,453	6,168	4,325
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	249	190	896	554
Cocoa beans, mass, paste or slab	926	1,457	1,389	2,728
Coffee and chicory	869	874	1,525	2,203
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	65	30	231	118
Fruit, dried, dates	130	55	143	57
Grain and pulse	109	119	289	261
Hops	291	69	449	133
Nuts, edible	167	259	792	751
Pickles and sauces	24	11	80	58
Sago and tapioca	10	11	64	35
Spices	143	155	492	538
Sugar and sugar syrups	67	9	90	107
Tea	2,749	4,948	8,181	11,738
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	46	20	426	388
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	226	357	646	685
Total, Class II.	6,071	8,564	15,693	20,354
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry	7	2	24	11
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	308	360	1,168	1,011
Other	57	42	266	131
Wine, fermented	18	14	83	58
Total, Class III.	390	418	1,541	1,211

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	124	92	736	298
Cigars	18	25	84	94
Snuff	..	..	1	1
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	27	34	83	100
Unmanufactured	5,814	4,598	14,210	10,071
Total, Class IV.	5,983	4,749	15,114	10,564
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	296	270	535	545
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	209	189	703	555
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	7	13	48	56
Furred skins	110	127	433	338
Goat	60	44	177	200
Other	16	12	68	48
Shells	56	23	179	102
Wool	305	476	1,028	1,200
Other animal substances	47	98	170	280
Total, Class VI.	810	982	2,806	2,779
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	609	548	1,643	2,058
Cork and manufactures	124	130	429	417
Fibres—				
Coir	42	75	158	175
Cotton, raw	1,684	1,894	4,822	5,386
Flax and hemp	72	122	215	340
Jute	98	127	433	398
Kapok	54	56	225	150
Sisal	246	372	904	1,111
Synthetic fibres and filaments	373	784	1,086	1,606
Other	35	30	96	103
Gums and resins	304	291	1,223	1,074
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	375	408	1,047	896
Linseed	..	..	136	..
Other oil seeds	33	52	51	99
Tanning substances	148	108	455	394
Other vegetable substances	69	87	212	239
Total, Class VII.	4,266	5,084	13,135	14,446

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(*a*) *Yarns and Manufactured Fibres*—				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	1,158	873	6,641	4,478
Woolpacks	401	919	1,302	2,828
Other	49	157	237	388
Cordage and twines and manufactures thereof	62	81	265	234
Sewing and other cotton ..	480	704	1,569	1,745
Yarns—				
Cotton	631	665	1,843	1,959
Hair	149	126	246	225
Synthetic fibre	2,153	2,069	6,827	6,339
Woollen	70	54	145	125
Other	46	28	133	112
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	6	7	19	31
Total, Class VIII.(*a*)	5,205	5,683	19,227	18,464
(*b*) *Textiles*—				
Blankets and blanketing ..	99	84	189	165
Floor coverings	2,477	1,819	7,992	5,139
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	187	91	1,172	660
Other	118	71	450	305
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	289	254	973	821
Cotton and linen	7,911	6,962	25,699	22,051
Fabrics and felts, impregnated..	214	144	689	482
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	661	579	2,451	2,159
Synthetic fibre	2,788	1,393	10,188	5,375
Silk	197	140	724	414
Velvets, velveteens, &c. ..	643	448	1,175	790
Woollen	501	364	1,206	803
Felts	136	169	464	481
Other	781	240	2,358	929
Towels and towelling	181	182	753	616
Other textiles	166	85	523	347
Total, Class VIII.(*b*)	17,349	13,025	57,006	41,537
(*c*) *Apparel*—				
Buttons, including snap fasteners..	73	50	237	180
Footwear	192	82	724	384
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	149	52	460	178
Outerwear	155	73	259	130
Underwear	19	9	84	33
Other	148	106	238	172

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—*continued.*				
(c) *Apparel*—continued.				
Garments—*continued.*				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear	383	148	808	390
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	20	10	243	200
Gloves	458	235	1,104	695
Hats and caps	214	162	674	546
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece	176	160	632	737
Lace, nets and veilings	498	267	1,726	982
Ribbons and galloons	71	39	230	131
Other	248	179	901	558
Other apparel	239	128	715	464
Total, Class VIII.(c)	3,043	1,700	9,035	5,780
Total, Class VIII.	25,597	20,408	85,268	65,781
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	230	241	645	673
Oils—				
Castor	61	59	156	174
Linseed	166	169	912	1,185
Olive	183	122	560	483
Peanut (china)	137	125	313	523
Petroleum—				
Crude	12,438	14,791	30,537	41,296
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel)	1,652	1,485	5,336	4,866
Lubricating (mineral)	1,066	1,456	3,646	4,523
Residual and solar	1,074	493	4,990	1,675
Spirit	6,344	2,601	22,159	9,944
Turpentine substitutes	315	252	882	748
Other	967	735	1,728	1,941
Tung (china wood)	139	82	373	274
Other	274	261	752	874
Total, Class IX.	25,046	22,872	72,989	69,179
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	324	317	1,084	975
Titanium oxide and titanium white	453	373	1,016	1,413
Other	226	167	590	581
Dyes, natural and synthetic, including lakes	460	493	1,448	1,463
Paints, colours and varnishes	56	66	196	188
Total, Class X.	1,519	1,416	4,334	4,620

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	151	91	446	336
Asbestos	494	383	1,904	1,240
Sulphur	791	302	2,014	1,405
Other rocks, minerals, &c.	321	438	1,070	1,197
Total, Class XI.	1,757	1,214	5,434	4,178
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(*a*) *Metals and Metal Manufactures*—				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	1,053	923	3,460	3,021
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers	186	139	505	460
Chain and chains of base metal	201	175	569	542
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)—				
Pig	19	535	2,085	638
Other	363	200	1,191	608
Cutlery	562	423	1,848	1,367
Fencing posts and droppers	96	21	386	86
Heating and cooking appliances	285	198	987	596
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c.	3,128	1,342	10,766	4,820
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	126	359	885	1,121
Pig, scrap and powder	1	6	9	25
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	325	344	1,096	1,010
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	487	21	2,255	48
Plain	1,595	968	5,514	2,807
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	3,434	4,458	9,130	10,213
Structural	781	349	2,923	1,441
Kitchenware	107	55	369	167
Lamps and lampware	178	100	521	371
Leaf and foil	326	345	954	995
Meters and parts	506	526	1,663	1,667
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	82	65	257	179
Tin	92	151	278	339
Tools of trade	1,073	894	3,325	2,763
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and parts	2,509	2,737	6,016	8,245
Cycles and cycle parts	227	83	619	367
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c.	392	238	1,007	670
Motor vehicles—				
Complete	2,864	835	9,604	3,121
Bodies and parts	2,096	1,084	5,441	4,247
Chassis and parts	15,572	8,274	43,094	32,345
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	500	200	1,102	746
Other and parts	899	839	2,691	2,596

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—*continued.*				
(*a*) *Metals and Metal Manufactures*—continued.				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	896	196	2,955	856
Copper and copper base alloys..	20	15	53	54
Other	88	129	256	341
Wire manufactures—*				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloy electrical conductor ..	20	1	183	3
Iron and steel	441	227	1,554	802
Other	6	3	26	15
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	553	477	1,468	1,454
Other metal manufactures ..	2,430	1,969	6,669	5,577
Total, Class XII.(*a*)	44,519	29,904	133,714	96,723
(*b*) *Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment*—				
Batteries and accumulators ..	91	114	275	328
Cable and wire, covered ..	551	171	1,630	550
Communication equipment including radio and television ..	2,225	1,999	4,690	5,612
Dynamo electric machines—				
Electric motors	818	644	2,550	2,169
Other	1,067	512	2,956	2,384
Heating and cooking appliances ..	287	213	1,055	641
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—				
Sparking plugs and parts ..	70	44	253	182
Other	66	46	203	201
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c. ..	401	373	1,149	1,143
Measuring and recording instruments	426	243	1,207	623
Protective equipment	250	234	777	779
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	1,499	1,618	4,093	4,762
Transformers and rectifiers ..	722	771	2,604	3,149
Other electrical machinery and appliances	968	1,220	2,447	4,262
Total, Class XII.(*b*)	9,441	8,202	25,889	26,785
(*c*) *Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)*—				
Air and gas compressors ..	301	369	837	880
Agricultural, horticultural, &c., machinery—				
Harvesting	217	207	1,824	1,964
Other	409	271	2,302	1,050
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	307	23	673	82
Dairying machinery	275	153	775	546
Hand tools (power driven) ..	554	451	1,498	1,669

* For cable and wire, covered, *see* Class XII.(*b*). † Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or metal-cased.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—*continued.*				
(*c*) *Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)*—continued.				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	112	111	324	384
Washing machines	150	58	462	220
Other	136	108	425	353
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	1,736	1,396	5,181	4,452
Other	1,770	1,466	3,869	3,862
Motive power machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	1,742	1,008	4,809	3,439
Power boilers and parts ..	210	270	723	583
Tractors and parts	4,917	3,899	13,467	10,490
Turbines and parts ..	913	1,033	2,414	2,663
Other and parts	3,990	3,080	10,460	11,003
Office and accounting machines (including taxi meters) ..	1,585	1,731	4,640	4,640
Printing machinery	828	591	2,310	1,469
Pumps	269	579	881	1,542
Refrigerating appliances ..	287	191	712	795
Roller and ball bearings.. ..	938	900	2,546	2,661
Sewing machines	723	610	2,544	1,952
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	1,909	1,511	5,323	4,944
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	174	237	654	423
Other	799	536	2,238	1,683
Other machines and machinery ..	2,720	3,968	8,690	9,587
Total, Class XII.(*c*)	27,971	24,757	80,581	73,336
Total, Class XII.	81,931	62,863	240,184	196,844
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(*a*) *Rubber and Rubber Manufactures*—				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated ..	3,845	2,287	12,422	7,095
Substitutes	914	986	1,685	2,535
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	249	232	759	690
Tyres and tubes	485	494	1,470	1,262
Other	294	238	848	676
Total, Class XIII.(*a*)	5,787	4,237	17,184	12,258
(*b*) *Leather and Leather Manufactures*—				
Leather	84	84	277	275
Leather manufactures	129	68	331	215
Total, Class XIII.(*b*)	213	152	608	490
Total, Class XIII.	6,000	4,389	17,792	12,748

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	360	404	1,393	1,525
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	384	342	1,235	1,310
Undressed (including logs)	3,123	3,233	10,965	10,676
Wicker, bamboo and cane	41	40	135	136
Total, Class XIV.	3,908	4,019	13,728	13,647
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic)	185	216	557	668
Cement	29	19	173	69
Crockery and other householdware ..	1,078	773	3,843	2,722
Glass	946	972	2,704	3,213
Glassware	449	311	1,821	1,259
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	128	119	387	336
Tiles	373	147	1,040	531
Other earthenware, china, &c.	155	144	397	522
Total, Class XV.	3,343	2,701	10,922	9,320
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(*a*) *Pulp, Paper and Board*—				
Millboard and other boards ..	385	281	1,184	922
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint..	2,468	3,026	8,741	9,231
Other	1,089	816	3,694	3,066
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette)	388	304	1,262	982
Wrapping and bag papers ..	924	887	2,479	2,159
Writing and typewriting ..	572	263	1,665	876
Other	519	500	1,387	1,340
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	1,085	1,447	3,808	4,831
Total, Class XVI.(*a*)	7,430	7,524	24,220	23,407
(*b*) *Paper Manufactures and Stationery*—				
Books (printed), directories, &c. ..	1,646	1,771	5,410	6,019
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	241	131	817	514
Other	59	46	210	155
Other paper manufactures, stationery, &c.	592	480	2,325	1,703
Total, Class XVI.(*b*)	2,538	2,428	8,762	8,391
Total, Class XVI.	9,968	9,952	32,982	31,798

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES.				
Fancy goods	226	117	1,317	676
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery	211	156	1,030	728
Precious stones, unset	305	302	870	719
Sporting material	120	83	436	311
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements	287	238	1,046	769
Watches and watch movements	311	208	1,533	957
Toys	219	153	1,812	1,218
Total, Class XVII.	1,679	1,257	8,044	5,378
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	413	202	1,317	827
Cinematographs	111	84	364	274
Films for cinematographs	443	491	1,266	1,530
Photographic goods	119	146	427	391
Scientific instruments, appliances and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	225	189	995	676
Surgical and dental	594	574	1,811	1,816
Thermostats	145	80	364	261
Other scientific instruments and appliances	501	453	1,482	1,520
Total, Class XVIII.	2,551	2,219	8,026	7,295
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	418	243	962	906
Additives for petroleum oils	286	330	898	962
Alcohols and spirits	179	295	545	856
Calcium carbide	110	110	297	393
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	605	132	1,161	320
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	91	134	312	371
Other	1,747	1,846	4,963	4,967
Essential oils	123	129	399	396
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	54	123	383	326
Rock phosphates	497	537	2,105	2,084
Other	72	30	381	837
Gases, refrigerant	80	45	232	220
Perfumery and toilet preparations	155	118	551	421
Soap and soap substitutes	116	102	560	305
Sodium carbonates	41	6	185	30
Sodium cyanide	58	52	163	200
Styrene (monomer)	122	174	374	532
Tetraethyl lead	275	383	548	944
Chemical compounds, n.e.i.	1,822	2,064	6,552	6,632
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i.	249	188	779	634
Total Class XIX.	7,100	7,041	22,350	22,336

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	43	87	166	186
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	348	500	908	1,114
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c. ..	116	62	638	375
Brushware	64	54	253	161
Cellulose acetate, preformed shapes ..	119	97	295	275
Imports made subject to the condition that they be re-exported..	375	409	823	2,078
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	843	579	3,672	2,713
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, &c., including records ..	275	200	1,076	591
Other	166	94	550	360
Outside packages	3,772	2,963	11,139	9,481
Packings for engines, boilers, &c. ..	317	292	982	881
Passengers' effects	984	1,235	2,823	3,336
Prefabricated buildings	197	46	578	260
Specialized equipment for large-scale projects—				
Electric power station	109	72	181	215
Oil refining	31	1	449	40
Other	214	503	922	1,384
Structural steelwork for use with industrial equipment	384	109	758	359
Synthetic resins	1,173	1,148	3,120	3,225
Synthetic sausage casings	73	95	209	245
Vessels (ships)	2,192	781	4,780	2,850
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	71	129	566	373
All other articles	1,086	985	3,458	3,080
Total, Class XX.	12,952	10,441	38,346	33,582
Total, Merchandise	203,094	172,312	615,391	530,930
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie	..	..	..	1
Gold, including gold in matte	1,364	593	2,163	1,828
Silver, including silver in matte ..	18	9	40	33
Total, Class XXI.	1,382	602	2,203	1,862
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	83,461	77,074	249,847	230,395
Victoria	78,234	61,424	228,148	188,625
Queensland	13,074	10,719	45,094	35,884
South Australia	15,648	10,289	49,432	35,802
Western Australia	10,483	9,009	34,931	30,273
Tasmania	3,287	4,065	9,322	10,942
Northern Territory	289	322	820	845
Australian Capital Territory	..	12	..	26
GRAND TOTAL	204,476	172,914	617,594	532,792

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	6,608	8,351	21,586	23,342
Cheese	572	1,456	2,309	3,424
Eggs	660	946	4,785	3,634
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process	924	1,144	1,243	1,537
Ghee	65	82	252	340
Honey	274	411	817	712
Infants' and invalids' foods	418	766	1,191	1,903
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	53	55	184	170
Meat extracts	45	140	569	446
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	3,104	4,780	18,402	15,848
Lamb	1,564	1,604	7,419	4,169
Mutton	573	411	1,545	926
Offals	480	582	2,315	1,941
Pork	63	73	264	185
Poultry	32	60	319	184
Rabbit and hare	318	631	1,120	1,932
Preserved in airtight containers	2,997	3,122	13,470	9,580
Sausage casings (excluding synthetic)	479	456	1,542	1,266
Other	71	74	283	357
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated	1,022	1,333	3,129	3,870
Dried, including malted	1,247	1,590	3,686	4,244
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	129	253	401	541
Total, Class I.	21,698	28,320	86,831	80,551
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	73	83	289	310
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate	45	75	220	267
Foods for animals	207	412	500	1,797
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes	184	78	347	278
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	19	1	449	482
Raisins	141	36	3,812	1,655
Other	65	34	277	264
Fresh and frozen—				
Apples	329	302	971	657
Citrus	7	13	735	839
Other	462	584	505	598
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	1,843	1,222	8,258	5,050
Pulped	39	123	112	157

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES —*continued.*				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	118	72	459	186
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	4,155	6,275	13,951	16,925
Other	109	132	377	433
Rice, (cleaned)	304	296	1,647	1,021
Other	234	376	764	1,227
Unprepared—				
Barley	2,921	4,487	5,070	9,136
Maize	1	13	68	32
Oats	1,176	858	2,327	2,400
Peas (not split)	67	175	200	274
Sorghum	..	2	166	375
Wheat	11,891	15,776	30,599	51,651
Other	210	222	710	720
Jams and fruit jellies	20	144	168	347
Soups	59	92	256	291
Sugar (cane)	4,433	7,649	18,471	24,785
Tea	48	77	106	187
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	41	97	146	170
Other	81	102	259	410
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	90	156	382	398
Total, Class II.	29,372	39,964	92,601	123,322
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, &c.	129	119	378	435
Spirits (beverages)	72	84	196	235
Wine	177	313	525	866
Total, Class III.	378	516	1,099	1,536
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	40	48	273	164
Tobacco	36	59	150	205
Total, Class IV.	76	107	423	369
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	64	182	396	535
Horses	26	35	154	227
Sheep	95	132	252	369
Other live animals	18	16	70	58
Total, Class V.	203	365	872	1,189

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	580	671	1,965	1,929
Kangaroo and wallaby	66	71	258	279
Rabbit and hare	203	67	1,483	833
Sheep and lamb	3,278	4,701	11,863	13,640
Other (including sheepskin and lambskin pieces)	67	120	264	367
Pearl-shell	211	251	677	929
Trochus-shell	146	161	567	457
Wool—				
Greasy	62,531	133,927	202,498	309,736
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, noils, tops and waste	9,125	16,097	29,909	40,988
Other animal substances	132	263	532	718
Total, Class VI.	76,339	156,329	250,016	369,876
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	634	965	1,079	1,672
Tanning substances	177	175	425	503
Other vegetable substances	53	64	292	231
Total, Class VII.	864	1,204	1,796	2,406
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(*a*) *Yarns and Manufactured Fibres*—				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	166	411	662	862
Yarns—				
Woollen	6	16	32	68
Other	19	20	79	98
Other manufactured fibres ..	13	39	71	116
Total, Class VIII.(*a*)	204	486	844	1,144
(*b*) *Textiles*—				
Piece goods—				
Cotton	21	19	83	70
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres ..	20	11	86	45
Woollen	18	31	49	62
Other	15	28	62	98
Other textiles	24	46	147	182
Total, Class VIII.(*b*)	98	135	427	457

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—*continued.*				
(c) *Apparel*—				
Footwear	17	22	54	77
Outerwear	32	27	96	104
Shirts, underwear and sleeping attire	11	11	38	51
Other apparel	21	64	75	209
Total, Class VIII.(c)	81	124	263	441
Total, Class VIII.	383	745	1,534	2,042
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, &c.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow	13	17	56	41
Fatty acids	41	62	151	174
Tallow, edible and inedible	733	1,423	2,501	3,016
Other	27	54	128	134
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale, including petroleum jelly—				
Residual, diesel fuel and furnace oil	1,456	1,572	2,391	4,741
Spirit	603	1,003	2,000	1,163
Other	256	509	554	1,111
Whale oils	3	53	1,475	1,486
Other	32	83	187	171
Total, Class IX.	3,164	4,776	9,443	12,037
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	36	35	171	149
Paints and enamels prepared for use	66	121	305	395
Other pigments, paints and varnishes	45	101	168	268
Total, Class X.	147	257	644	812
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	57	332	473	778
Asphalt, tar and pitch	41	53	267	217
Coal	188	938	579	1,487
Coke	171	501	345	824
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Lead and silver-lead	533	1,012	2,720	4,630
Titanium and zirconium	944	2,463	3,125	6,730
Tungsten	828	466	2,732	1,917
Zinc	602	1,001	3,204	3,862
Other	187	1,092	1,154	2,832
Other stones and minerals	109	97	268	265
Total, Class XI.	3,660	7,955	14,867	23,542

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(*a*) *Metals and Metal Manufactures*—				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Cadmium	40	64	178	184
Copper	26	1,225	2,834	4,320
Copper-base alloys	72	176	390	676
Iron and steel	1,045	7,720	3,951	18,413
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	275	1,612	3,251	5,794
Pig	2,958	6,126	13,472	18,029
Other	694	254	1,253	808
Zinc	781	1,612	3,148	3,678
Other	26	445	204	600
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	60	160	238	360
Tools of trade	51	103	245	270
Vehicles and parts	559	1,149	2,040	5,522
Window louvres	82	167	399	398
Other metal manufactures ..	463	858	1,823	2,701
Total, Class XII.(*a*)	7,132	21,671	33,426	61,753
(*b*) *Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment*—				
Batteries and accumulators ..	63	115	324	292
Communication equipment ..	179	232	677	755
Other electrical appliances ..	195	322	889	992
Total, Class XII.(*b*)	437	669	1,890	2,039
(*c*) *Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)*—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	134	49	424	150
Agricultural, horticultural &c. machinery	119	289	862	999
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	154	111	426	336
Motive power machinery ..	306	285	1,041	1,089
Personal and massage appliances ..	56	21	350	90
Pumps, machinery	36	55	212	197
Refrigerating appliances ..	68	57	268	202
Other machines and machinery ..	1,233	1,116	3,556	3,400
Total, Class XII.(*c*)	2,106	1,983	7,139	6,463
Total, Class XII.	9,675	24,323	42,455	70,255

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(*a*) *Rubber and Rubber Manufactures* ..	85	209	442	617
(*b*) *Leather and Leather Manufactures*—				
Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	111	194	360	473
Other	330	451	1,136	1,423
Sheep and lamb	25	13	82	52
Other	26	54	90	200
Leather manufactures	30	26	84	81
Total, Class XIII.(*b*)	522	738	1,752	2,229
Total, Class XIII.	607	947	2,194	2,846
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	71	405	517	836
Timber	209	416	1,317	1,334
Wood and wicker manufactures ..	70	130	332	425
Total, Class XIV.	350	951	2,166	2,595
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..	168	259	657	795
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(*a*) *Pulp, Paper and Board*	62	95	329	353
(*b*) *Paper Manufactures and Stationery*—				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, &c.	296	352	1,014	1,133
Paper manufactures and stationery	132	165	582	626
Total, Class XVI.(*b*)	428	517	1,596	1,759
Total, Class XVI.	490	612	1,925	2,112
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c. ..	44	108	142	241
Sporting goods	51	39	179	175
Other	21	23	82	111
Total, Class XVII.	116	170	403	527
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c.	34	36	154	123
Photographic goods and materials ..	78	96	331	411
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	59	100	243	283
Total, Class XVIII.	171	232	728	817

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	407	427	1,136	1,081
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid	78	49	179	167
Other	180	330	667	935
Eucalyptus oil	69	38	192	143
Perfumery and toilet preparations	51	55	157	174
Soap	41	56	162	192
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	204	335	886	917
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	112	240	458	622
Total, Class XIX.	1,142	1,530	3,837	4,231
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms and ammunition	15	17	166	60
Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government projects being carried on outside Australia and for Australian representatives abroad	587	608	1,738	1,515
Other goods exported with the intention that they be re-imported and temporary imports when subsequently exported. Goods exported by Australian Companies for installation in or servicing their own aircraft abroad	843	758	3,086	2,770
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	541	700	2,881	1,564
Synthetic resins	66	215	414	636
Miscellaneous exports when valued at less than £50 in any one consignment	932	1,195	3,323	3,872
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad	104	506	666	1,813
All other articles	881	1,390	3,242	4,042
Total, Class XX.	3,969	5,389	15,516	16,272
Total, Merchandise	152,972	274,951	530,007	718,132
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie	..	..	..	..
Gold, including gold in matte	7	1,602	8,242	9,836
Silver, including silver in matte	484	748	1,899	5,106
Total, Class XXI.	491	2,350	10,141	14,942
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	45,289	80,400	159,236	215,371
Victoria	44,398	74,929	146,627	185,935
Queensland	25,405	50,096	107,640	136,662
South Australia	17,422	33,213	66,257	90,465
Western Australia	17,813	30,108	51,338	89,789
Tasmania	3,021	8,502	8,893	14,353
Northern Territory	115	53	157	499
Australian Produce	150,828	273,888	530,693	722,098
Re-exports	2,635	3,413	9,455	10,976
GRAND TOTAL	153,463	277,301	540,148	733,074

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
		1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter	'000 lb.	41,451	55,467	137,366	152,862
Cheese	,,	7,182	15,250	26,314	36,128
Processed milk—					
Condensed	,,	15,952	19,408	44,141	58,794
Dried including Malted	,,	21,133	19,054	57,191	54,375
Infants' and invalids' foods	,,	2,338	4,882	6,833	11,398
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	702	685	15,223	9,464
Not in shell	'000 lb.	4,268	6,150	18,527	14,338
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	,,	244	217	805	652
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	,,	40,466	67,224	252,705	230,157
Lamb	,,	16,571	18,067	76,564	47,419
Mutton	,,	9,944	7,616	28,103	16,522
Offals	,,	4,445	6,365	22,962	22,185
Pork	,,	433	582	1,863	1,160
Poultry	,,	149	295	1,345	891
Rabbits and hares—					
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	20	16	69	70
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.	2,638	6,064	11,401	17,671
Preserved in airtight containers	,,	24,735	27,932	95,238	79,813
Sausage casings, natural	bundles	489,122	337,394	1,620,473	1,294,756
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	373	24	8,939	8,609
Raisins	,,	2,577	1,156	74,297	31,774
Tree fruits	,,	442	177	2,248	2,190
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	261	207	736	440
Citrus	,,	4	6	496	559
Other	,,	4,273	6,558	4,303	6,567
Preserved in airtight containers	'000 lb.	26,292	16,110	112,263	71,026
Pulped	,,	530	593	1,822	1,145
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	,,	76	113	266	281
Flour (wheaten), plain white	,,	323,155	415,378	974,965	1,188,866
Oatmeal and rolled oats	,,	6,256	2,430	21,729	5,081
Rice	cwt.	102,818	83,665	539,533	310,224
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	133,958	196,379	212,265	424,231
Oats	,,	65,603	41,767	110,396	114,857
Wheat	,,	477,850	691,790	1,201,405	2,124,188
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	335	2,089	2,881	5,345
Sugar (cane)	ton	107,805	197,870	447,062	605,735
Vegetables—preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	304	744	1,295	1,387

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued.*

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
		1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	276	505	880	1,301
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse	'000 lb.	9,539	11,608	32,071	34,075
Kangaroo and wallaby ..	,,	191	186	704	737
Rabbit and hare	,,	552	230	2,850	1,876
Sheep and lamb	,,	24,554	26,078	79,116	75,009
Wool—					
Greasy	,,	222,259	356,271	744,163	894,586
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	,,	24,992	35,974	80,148	95,771
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	16,238	17,163	36,787	43,243
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	44,078	231,820	139,187	372,495
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	,,	6,526	14,321	36,569	60,969
Zinc	,,	31,498	59,956	199,527	213,470
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	20,817	44,068	102,534	129,423
Bullion	,,	1,768	11,329	20,911	37,222
Zinc, bars, blocks, &c.	,,	5,479	13,354	25,594	30,354

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Dried.		Preserved in air-tight containers.
							Vine.	Tree.	
QUANTITY. ('000 lb.)									
1938–39 ..	229,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716	164,213	3,915	81,279
1952–53 ..	110,428	53,006	3,393	192,297	166,844	3,453	155,172	6,709	143,261
1953–54 ..	88,030	50,959	2,777	316,955	99,691	2,758	139,822	6,481	199,219
1954–55 ..	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795
1955–56 ..	185,103	38,485	1,003	322,748	116,283	2,472	137,300	3,665	209,128
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	137,360	26,314	805	252,705	104,667	1,863	83,236	2,248	112,231
March, 1957 ..	152,862	36,128	652	230,157	63,941	1,160	40,383	2,190	71,024
VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)									
1938–39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1952–53 ..	20,075	5,851	720	13,765	8,761	472	7,448	581	9,298
1953–54 ..	16,052	5,329	619	22,044	5,261	462	6,600	793	14,184
1954–55 ..	24,589	5,057	355	21,899	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245
1955–56 ..	28,966	3,537	229	23,431	9,752	364	7,376	427	15,469
Nine months ended—									
March, 1956 ..	21,585	2,309	184	18,402	8,964	264	4,261	275	8,257
March, 1957 ..	23,342	3,424	170	15,848	5,095	185	2,137	264	5,050

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Year.	Wheat.	Flour, (Wheaten) Plain White.	Barley (Unprepared).	Sugar (Cane).	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb-skins.	Lead (Pig).
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a)		
QUANTITY.								
	tons.	'000 lb.	tons.	tons.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	tons.
1938–39 ..	1,690,956	1,450,130	58,441	443,014	793,384	70,881	84,359	204,495
1952–53 ..	1,593,963	1,739,240	496,403	459,354	981,493	107,533	110,172	141,999
1953–54 ..	965,338	1,522,536	601,536	706,796	990,009	96,418	94,522	170,207
1954–55 ..	1,691,063	1,311,238	421,174	737,149	959,033	101,553	100,229	140,256
1955–56 ..	1,902,891	1,333,587	470,210	592,229	1,063,475	114,550	105,566	145,987
Nine months ended—								
March, 1956 ..	1,201,405	974,793	212,265	447,062	744,145	80,090	79,116	102,441
March, 1957 ..	2,124,188	1,188,866	424,231	605,735	894,586	95,572	74,932	129,362
VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)								
1938–39 ..	8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1952–53 ..	51,970	37,417	19,245	21,654	356,223	46,681	17,332	17,168
1953–54 ..	30,957	29,682	14,870	31,592	364,977	45,443	16,439	18,550
1954–55 ..	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,146	310,902	42,204	15,935	17,182
1955–56 ..	46,456	19.703	10,471	24,723	293,835	43,673	15,691	19,539
Nine months ended—								
March, 1956 ..	30,599	13,949	5,070	18,471	202,404	29,903	11,863	13,459
March, 1957 ..	51,651	16,925	9,136	24,785	309,736	40,970	13,621	18,021

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	119,026	18,011	127,338	18,542	21,201	1,492	29,988	2,288
Australian Territories ..	432	93	388	69	74	11	70	12
Ceylon	1,443	271	1,750	305	235	41	301	58
Guiana (British) ..	297	63	284	57	12	2	3	..
Hong Kong	1,112	212	1,053	167	285	39	209	30
India	434	95	415	86	323	57	627	123
Malaya, Fed. of ..	663	152	932	196	77	12	56	10
Malta	513	98	265	47	116	12	157	21
Mauritius	177	42	398	89	56	10	91	18
Singapore	2,312	441	2,811	503	532	72	524	78
West Africa (British) ..	176	41	206	44	105	19	80	16
West Indies	570	123	462	92	114	18	60	11
Other C'wealth Countries	706	165	588	171	229	39	179	36
Arabian States ..	324	76	779	157	665	125	1,018	220
Burma	142	35	311	69	28	5	48	10
Egypt	298	59	39	7	150	17	2	..
French Dependencies—								
New Caledonia ..	287	60	334	63	76	14	117	22
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	3,268	559	6,384	1,178	26	3	412	50
Italy	2,339	428	5,317	967	..	..	..	..
Japan	229	49	231	39	445	64	130	23
Lebanon	65	12	49	8	84	14	18	4
Netherlands Antilles ..	233	59	202	46	2	..	2	..
Philippines	422	106	903	187	758	124	1,322	250
Other Foreign Countries	1,892	335	1,423	253	721	119	714	144
New South Wales ..	1,268	233	2,614	392	114	20	125	23
Victoria	90,671	14,015	105,355	16,875	12,382	1,272	22,733	2,367
Queensland	35,891	5,844	31,537	4,389	3,124	277	3,995	335
South Australia ..	1,518	229	2,093	275	10,687	739	9,259	696
Western Australia ..	222	35	88	13	7	1	16	3
Tasmania	7,790	1,229	11,175	1,398	..	..	..	..
Total	137,360	21,585	152,862	23,342	26,314	2,309	36,128	3,424
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	..	..	19	4	204,779	14,195	170,416	11,057
Bermuda	..	..	..	..	619	98	1,151	180
Ceylon	63	12	16	4	207	23	243	23
Hong Kong	54	14	43	13	2,570	195	7,253	452
Malta	1	..	..	..	2,013	176	1,733	134
Singapore	386	82	358	85	7,865	657	7,893	639
West Indies (British) ..	63	15	16	4	1,059	110	687	81
Other C'wealth Countries	184	46	153	47	3,699	392	4,095	420
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia ..	..	..	1	..	695	140	729	142
Other	41	10	26	6	468	71	703	111
Belgium–Luxemburg ..	..	..	..	..	4,273	331	6,195	405
Egypt	1	..	..	..	1,789	141	22	2
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	..	..	..	..	4,905	391	260	21
Philippines	4	1	5	2	5,785	455	7,474	574
United States of America	..	..	..	..	1,349	131	1,958	205
Other Foreign Countries	8	4	15	5	10,630	896	19,345	1,402
New South Wales ..	146	38	87	27	24,613	2,214	19,166	1,727
Victoria	32	6	16	3	3,140	359	6,451	686
Queensland	360	85	323	87	203,452	14,366	195,110	12,827
South Australia ..	18	4	13	5	2,193	137	666	42
Western Australia ..	249	51	213	48	19,277	1,324	8,721	563
Tasmania	..	..	..	..	30	2	43	3
Total	805	184	652	170	252,705	18,402	230,157	15,848

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	89,526	7,810	49,288	3,853	857	105	127	21
Australian Territories ..	449	50	459	55	154	28	212	43
Canada	3,066	302	3,825	357	39	6	57	10
Ceylon	322	28	349	33	2	1	14	3
Hong Kong	851	66	743	56	43	6	19	2
Singapore	2,036	144	3,262	229	443	64	244	42
Other C'wealth Countries	2,745	219	2,588	199	134	22	92	17
Arabian States ..	570	49	653	83	72	13	305	28
Belgium–Luxemburg ..	1,158	48	1,176	63	..	..	..	..
Egypt	2,345	121	33	1	58	9	..	..
United States of America	1,055	87	907	113	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	544	40	658	53	61	10	90	19
New South Wales ..	7,058	560	2,873	226	184	31	115	27
Victoria	64,880	5,542	34,725	2,795	348	51	222	43
Queensland	125	13	357	24	510	73	316	59
South Australia ..	18,515	1,740	13,556	1,140	3	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	12,851	980	10,602	740	801	107	487	53
Tasmania	1,238	129	1,828	170	17	2	20	3
Total	104,667	8,964	63,941	5,095	1,863	264	1,160	185
	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanas and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	2,881	143	2,886	169	39,761	2,125	5,267	301
Canada	3,275	161	3,841	207	20,768	930	17,271	829
Ceylon	107	6	167	10	757	40	507	29
New Zealand	1,372	73	1,213	67	8,794	514	7,247	433
Singapore	49	4	23	2	54	5	19	1
Other C'wealth Countries	731	39	455	26	1,208	61	659	34
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	6	..	..	..	2,676	124	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	518	23	24	1	279	13	804	28
New South Wales ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Victoria	3,603	185	3,332	191	63,310	3,264	22,521	1,161
Queensland	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	..
South Australia ..	4,151	199	3,747	199	10,982	547	9,251	494
Western Australia ..	1,185	65	1,530	92	..	..	..	..
Total	8,939	449	8,609	482	74,297	3,812	31,774	1,655

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Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	800	65	866	98	97,531	7,206	58,553	4,155
Canada	455	75	4	..	2,329	168	1,772	130
New Zealand	615	93	717	99	9,406	669	8,140	568
Singapore	59	8	1	..	397	26	342	24
Other C'wealth Countries	141	13	134	12	1,370	103	1,319	105
Egypt	25	3	..	..	183	13	13	1
Germany, Fed. Rep. of..	73	8	399	48	..	..	29	1
Other Foreign Countries	80	10	69	7	1,015	72	856	66
New South Wales ..	565	43	386	37	16,601	1,205	9,572	662
Victoria	162	18	19	2	56,089	4,314	34,141	2,546
Queensland	1	..	1	..	29,561	2,067	14,646	1,024
South Australia ..	1,408	201	752	106	9,065	583	8,370	572
Western Australia ..	..	..	..	..	19	1	4	..
Tasmania	112	13	1,032	119	896	87	4,291	246
Total	2,248	275	2,190	264	112,231	8,257	71,024	5,050
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR (WHEATEN)—PLAIN-WHITE.			
United Kingdom ..	346,962	8,310	647,975	14,635	78,444	1,083	132,840	1,821
Aden	150	4	397	13	17,460	234	33,466	465
Australian Territories ..	107	4	91	3	7,906	129	8,613	138
Borneo (British) ..	..	..	..	..	11,542	173	13,919	213
Ceylon ..	54	1	394	11	184,321	2,561	301,547	3,923
Cyprus	25,572	699	..	..	22	1	24	..
East Africa (British) ..	324	9	396	12	7,343	109	12,779	174
Hong Kong	26,168	495	31,701	777	49,588	141	14,787	209
India	44,497	1,009	618,500	15,238	178	2	1	..
Ireland, Republic of ..	11,521	295	..	..	..	..	1,120	16
Malaya, Fed. of ..	9,426	266	11,336	320	111,295	1,758	113,177	1,750
Mauritius	26	1	10	..	21,052	296	48,488	686
New Zealand	187,667	4,777	226,851	5,612	117	2	184	3
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji	29	1	36	1	14,266	228	17,377	270
Other	20	1	52	2	7,250	116	7,102	108
Pakistan	2	..	128,651	3,412	614	8	595	7
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	43,124	1,136	42,134	1,092	1,931	28	4,122	56
Singapore	3,440	102	3,487	102	72,767	1,107	72,856	1,109
Other C'wealth Countries	5,237	119	10,147	249	10,143	145	22,004	310
Arabian States ..	4,621	140	4,311	127	23,848	316	53,058	689
Burma	3,196	88	2,789	75	15,274	241	32,656	486
Egypt	..	..	..	..	4,584	66	4,352	68
France	..	..	39,581	967	..	..	..	..
French Dependencies ..	357	11	361	11	14,693	224	17,215	257
Germany, Fed. Rep. of..	37,671	883	152,295	3,660	..	..	..	..
Indonesia	5	..	16	..	257,434	3,995	167,238	2,568
Iraq	66,342	1,795	59,514	1,696	..	..	..	..
Japan	246,057	6,479	89,689	2,215	2,188	49	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—								
India	848	25	2,616	76	1,524	23	1,357	26
Mozambique ..	12,733	348	11,609	294	546	9	705	10
Other	..	..	..	..	470	7	1,084	16
Sudan	..	..	..	..	18,393	262	50,749	685
Thailand	65	2	177	6	23,814	391	29,622	456
Other Foreign Countries	125,184	3,599	39,072	1,045	15,786	245	25,829	406
New South Wales ..	171,430	4,367	87,561	1,956	345,016	4,604	407,332	5,820
Victoria	283,425	6,976	401,254	9,798	312,201	4,641	400,317	5,650
Queensland	96,979	2,558	86,076	1,945	36,060	544	48,895	714
South Australia ..	318,956	8,386	413,140	10,628	102,564	1,487	134,717	1,899
Western Australia ..	330,615	8,312	1,136,157	27,324	178,952	2,673	197,605	2,842
Total	1,201,405	30,599	2,124,188	51,651	974,793	13,949	1,188,866	16,925

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Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	Barley (Unprepared).				Sugar (Cane).			
United Kingdom ..	30,019	610	47,528	1,020	236,023	10,057	337,953	15,097
Australian Territory—New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	1,176	71	1,280	88
Canada	..	..	..	..	88,745	3,207	106,190	3,420
Ceylon	19	1	20	1	..	..	23,887	850
Hong Kong	457	4	229	5	19,148	732	31,457	1,119
Malaya, Fed. of ..	12	..	4	..	1,010	38	3,376	113
New Zealand	..	..	9,961	269	39,866	1,861	44,499	1,919
Other C'wealth Countries	3	..	8	..	3,182	187	3,269	218
Belgium–Luxemburg ..	9,690	213	33,206	704	..	..	..	..
French Possession—New Caledonia	..	..	..	..	1,596	96	1,447	99
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	15,207	329	43,788	623	..	..	..	..
Italy	4,100	114	4,615	116	..	..	..	..
Japan	120,871	3,144	229,646	5,195	52,178	2,052	51,923	1,827
Netherlands	25,316	511	26,495	564	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	6,571	144	28,731	639	4,138	170	454	35
New South Wales ..	24	1	..	..	5,067	310	4,884	336
Victoria	22,315	546	69,655	1,165	336	18	350	24
Queensland	32,091	732	20,356	486	441,615	18,140	600,451	24,421
South Australia ..	135,226	3,359	293,650	6,626	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	22,609	432	40,570	859	44	3	50	4
Total	212,265	5,070	424,231	9,136	447,062	18,471	605,735	24,785

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Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	196,259	52,036	226,486	76,725	20,750	7,098	20,793	7,913
Canada	2,089	597	2,386	814	3,977	1,489	2,306	912
Hong Kong	..	..	1,496	592	935	509	821	435
India	602	182	894	294	2,067	1,062	3,097	1,552
Ireland, Republic of ..	2,864	851	3,859	1,572	100	36	31	12
New Zealand	228	74	27	5	320	185	363	220
South Africa, Union of..	667	158	1,424	438	242	96	335	136
Other C'wealth Countries	22	11	10	5	547	237	873	430
Austria	1,587	510	2,572	1,059	17	6	13	4
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	62,638	13,177	74,154	19,487	2,877	923	3,484	1,263
China	..	..	..	..	2,976	1,509	6,212	3,631
Czechoslovakia ..	10,511	3,103	8,049	3,197	34	12	..	..
Denmark	3	1	49	20	802	299	791	311
Egypt	1,080	345	171	50	177	101	99	79
France	147,615	37,244	162,330	52,747	4,253	1,532	4,761	1,972
Germany, Fed. Rep. of..	50,895	13,583	58,602	19,821	6,275	2,236	7,040	2,821
Greece	30	9	5	2	748	309	540	224
Italy	61,897	17,593	91,544	33,094	4,428	1,531	6,536	2,356
Japan	127,948	39,390	177,520	68,689	6,880	2,883	19,415	9,090
Mexico	7,213	2,337	6,537	2,580	443	176	423	174
Netherlands	3,148	815	2,195	647	906	282	985	398
Norway	7	2	..	..	26	11	23	8
Poland	16,219	5,297	25,904	9,795	..	..	60	26
Portugal	1,656	500	1,349	556	265	104	270	109
Spain .. .	2,340	682	1,589	553	98	38	..	..
Sweden .. .	1,445	372	346	120	850	303	620	229
Switzerland	5,835	1,458	5,147	1,618	373	133	320	144
Turkey	1,111	364	2,184	849	18	11	..	..
United States of America	35,078	10,735	28,905	11,069	15,859	5,499	11,174	4,268
Yugoslavia	1,476	469	1,755	670	..	..	142	58
Other Foreign Countries	1,682	509	7,097	2,668	2,847	1,293	4,045	2,195
New South Wales ..	274,069	75,511	315,540	110,576	24,589	9,017	30,591	12,896
Victoria	190,639	52,870	224,836	78,437	26,211	9,574	30,404	12,691
Queensland	112,503	32,201	147,066	52,763	8,720	3,350	8,489	3,670
South Australia .	83,814	20,415	96,360	30,753	8,319	3,232	8,925	3,888
Western Australia ..	78,989	20,116	98,026	32,037	12,236	4,725	17,154	7,822
Tasmania	4,131	1,291	12,758	5,170	15	5	9	3
Total	744,145	202,404	894,586	309,736	80,090	29,903	95,572	40,970

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.
	SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.				LEAD (PIG).			
United Kingdom ..	9,075	1,311	10,342	1,657	58,981	7,699	42,221	5,924
New Zealand	59	5	98	6	2,811	380	3,118	433
South Africa, Union of..	..	..	..	..	300	38	..	..
Other C'wealth Countries	58	6	17	2	119	16	2,417	341
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	618	103	1,023	210	25	3	..	..
France	62,139	9,564	57,632	10,799	..	..	..	..
Italy	1,372	209	2,016	396	..	..	..	..
Netherlands	899	111	524	77	53	7	230	29
United States of America	3,154	296	1,382	152	37,365	4,948	74,375	10,320
Other Foreign Countries	1,742	258	1,898	322	2,787	368	7,001	974
New South Wales ..	22,278	3,401	20,812	3,841	367	46	3,698	538
Victoria	31,501	5,150	27,269	4,921	775	100	1,044	133
Queensland	2,511	344	3,097	571	580	75	37	4
South Australia ..	11,507	1,663	12,614	2,307	100,422	13,201	124,477	17,332
Western Australia ..	6,046	912	7,922	1,377	293	36	106	14
Tasmania	2,273	393	3,218	604	4	1	..	..
Total	79,116	11,863	74,932	13,621	102,441	13,459	129,362	18,021

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.(a)

(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952–53 Retail Census.)

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1950–51 to 1955–56 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952–53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys. Details by States exclude Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1950–51. (b)	1951–52. (b)	1952–53. (c)	1953–54. (b)(d)	1954–55. (b)(d)	1955–56. (b)(d)
STATES.						
New South Wales	553.8	648.5	674.7	728.1	799.7	856.7
Victoria	389.2	454.7	476.3	514.6	561.8	608.6
Queensland	177.9	210.2	224.9	243.7	270.8	292.9
South Australia	113.7	133.8	143.7	155.7	172.0	184.4
Western Australia ..	94.4	117.1	127.3	139.8	147.0	151.7
Tasmania	41.8	51.3	55.2	58.9	63.9	68.8
Total	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.8	2,015.2	2,163.1
COMMODITY GROUPS.						
Groceries	186.1	232.9	261.5	275.1	306.0	335.0
Butchers' Meat	92.3	118.7	127.8	133.9	146.6	159.0
Other Food(e)	155.5	187.8	206.8	223.7	245.8	270.1
Total Foodstuffs ..	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7	698.4	764.1
Beer, Wine and Spirits ..	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7	202.1	218.9
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear ..	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.6	421.5	438.8
Hardware, China and Glassware(f)	91.2	109.6	113.8	124.7	142.5	153.3
Electrical Goods and Radios	64.7	77.5	75.8	91.2	99.6	105.5
Furniture and Floor Coverings	76.9	76.1	72.8	81.0	86.5	90.9
Other Goods(g)	252.4	307.5	315.5	336.9	364.6	391.6
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.) ..	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.8	2,015.2	2,163.1
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(h)	382.0	433.3	417.3	491.1	579.5	641.3

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Survey figures (c) Census figures. (d) Subject to revision. (e) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (f) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (g) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (h) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance companies are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each quarter, but, from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding. Figures in these tables have been revised since the last issue.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter.(a)

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)

(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1955—31st March ..	65,469	41,843	27,472	17,425	13,197	6,434	171,840
30th June ..	69,240	44,590	29,067	18,354	14,151	7,012	182,414
30th September ..	75,422	48,283	31,029	19,749	15,078	7,460	197,021
31st December ..	79,879	53,180	32,477	21,352	16,080	7,951	210,919
1956—31st March ..	78,935	55,030	32,060	21,266	15,844	8,033	211,168
30th June ..	79,071	56,025	31,941	21,195	15,408	8,163	211,803
30th September ..	80,889	57,748	33,521	22,281	15,289	8,477	218,205
31st December ..	83,742	61,023	35,610	24,213	15,899	9,004	229,491
1957—31st March ..	83,379	61,848	36,131	24,672	15,325	9,011	230,366

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 31st March, 1957 : States.

Particulars of Agreements.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
MOTOR VEHICLES.							
Number of Agreements ..	25,334	19,575	12,175	9,113	4,818	3,128	74,143
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	18,207	13,772	8,519	6,520	2,940	2,168	52,126
Amount Financed(d) £'000	10,918	8,687	5,064	3,919	1,817	1,297	31,702
PLANT AND MACHINERY.							
Number of Agreements ..	1,962	1,292	2,179	563	469	164	6,629
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	1,364	863	535	475	517	149	3,903
Amount Financed(d) £'000	879	525	340	254	303	90	2,391
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.							
Number of Agreements ..	64,777	41,391	36,743	13,747	15,305	4,282	176,245
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	4,997	3,973	2,328	1,205	1,164	381	14,048
Amount Financed(d) £'000	4,021	3,183	1,796	986	944	305	11,235
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).							
Number of Agreements ..	92,073	62,258	51,097	23,423	20,592	7,574	257,017
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	24,568	18,608	11,382	8,200	4,621	2,698	70,077
Amount Financed(d) £'000	15,818	12,395	7,200	5,159	3,064	1,692	45,328

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—*continued.*

Agreements Made during each Quarter: Australia.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b)
		Total.	Average per Agreement.	Total.	Average per Agreement.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	%
MOTOR VEHICLES.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954–55	69,348	47,723	688	27,592	398	58
1955–56	76,087	52,944	696	31,282	411	59
Quarterly Total—						
1956—March „ ..	70,167	47,562	678	27,901	398	59
June „ ..	72,947	51,811	710	30,523	418	59
Sept. „ ..	81,282	58,133	715	35,192	433	61
Dec. „ ..	82,940	58,975	711	36,027	434	61
1957—March „ ..	74,143	52,126	703	31,702	428	61
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954–55	3,715	2,337	629	1,426	384	61
1955–56	4,829	3,131	648	1,938	401	67
Quarterly Total—						
1956—March „ ..	4,853	3,036	626	1,875	386	62
June „ ..	4,832	3,025	626	1,886	390	62
Sept. „ ..	4,858	3,573	735	2,287	471	64
Dec. „ ..	6,499	4,161	640	2,544	391	61
1957—March „ ..	6,629	3,903	589	2,391	361	61
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954–55	161,315	12,269	76	9,937	63	81
1955–56	170,890	12,919	76	10,482	61	81
Quarterly Total—						
1956—March „ ..	172,827	13,567	79	10,940	63	81
June „ ..	158,464	10,907	69	8,796	56	81
Sept. „ ..	152,370	10,231	67	8,168	54	80
Dec. „ ..	184,537	14,097	76	11,295	61	80
1957—March „ ..	176,245	14,048	80	11,235	64	80
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Quarterly Average—						
1954–55	234,378	62,329	266	38,955	166	63
1955–56	251,806	68,994	274	43,702	174	63
Quarterly Total—						
1956—March „ ..	247,847	64,165	259	40,716	164	63
June „ ..	236,243	65,743	278	41,205	174	63
Sept. „ ..	238,510	71,937	302	45,647	191	63
Dec. „ ..	273,976	77,233	282	49,866	182	65
1957—March „ ..	257,017	70,077	273	45,328	176	65

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Section VI.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits. Not Bearing Interest.	Deposits. Bearing Interest.	Deposits. Total.	Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)								
1952–53	..	96,664	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569	131,870
1953–54	..	120,885	35,352	156,237	..	2,034	11,766	170,037
1954–55	..	130,909	43,549	174,458	..	309	16,148	190,915
1955–56	..	135,617	46,243	181,860	..	314	17,496	199,670
Quarter ended—								
March, 1956	..	133,696	46,607	180,303	..	345	17,757	198,405
June, ,,	..	138,790	41,870	180,660	..	326	17,759	198,745
September, ,,	..	134,800	43,059	177,859	..	330	16,576	194,765
December, ,,	..	141,514	43,744	185,258	..	372	17,912	203,542
March, 1957	..	139,887	44,656	184,543	..	425	18,966	203,934
Month of—								
January, 1957	..	137,817	44,378	182,195	..	435	18,016	200,646
February ,,	..	139,679	45,026	184,705	..	408	19,852	204,965
March, ,,	..	142,681	44,635	187,316	..	429	19,269	207,014
PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.								
1952–53	..	226	943,747	218,699	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953–54	..	14	1,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158	3,360	14,980	1,293,993
1954–55	..	9	1,047,677	262,986	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
1955–56	..	6	1,032,332	263,107	1,295,439	158	6,528	16,913	1,319,044
Quarter ended—								
March, 1956	..	6	1,072,497	260,117	1,332,614	158	2,127	16,226	1,351,131
June, ,,	..	6	1,019,944	265,949	1,285,893	158	17,050	18,729	1,321,836
September, ,,	..	6	962,171	279,344	1,241,515	158	13,890	16,657	1,272,226
December, ,,	..	6	1,013,805	292,433	1,306,238	158	4,442	20,043	1,330,887
March, 1957	..	6	1,078,582	309,247	1,387,829	158	3,717	18,742	1,410,452
Month of—								
January 1957	..	6	1,056,907	305,619	1,362,526	158	3,045	18,636	1,384,371
February ,,	..	6	1,080,844	310,103	1,390,947	158	4,059	18,636	1,413,806
March, ,,	..	6	1,103,414	312,925	1,416,339	158	4,214	18,980	1,439,697
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.								
1952–53	..	19,286	35,848	15,302	51,150	..	622	525	71,583
1953–54	..	19,734	39,408	15,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,569
1954–55	..	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
1955–56	..	20,569	39,726	16,359	56,085	..	1,536	484	78,674
Quarter ended—								
March, 1956	..	20,447	42,924	16,282	59,206	..	1,396	386	81,435
June, ,,	..	20,377	41,856	16,247	58,103	..	1,879	518	80,877
September, ,,	..	20,329	38,154	16,438	54,592	..	854	483	76,258
December, ,,	..	20,454	39,358	16,467	55,825	..	1,562	664	78,505
March, 1957	..	20,495	44,504	17,288	61,792	..	1,413	578	84,278
Month of—								
January, 1957	..	20,449	43,042	17,176	60,218	..	1,408	389	82,464
February ,,	..	20,504	45,162	17,363	62,525	..	1,351	588	84,968
March, ,,	..	20,545	45,675	17,352	63,027	..	1,481	805	85,858
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.								
1952–53	..	19,512	1,076,259	256,818	1,333,077	158	15,070	23,341	1,391,158
1953–54	..	19,748	1,196,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,599
1954–55	..	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,542,605	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
1955–56	..	20,575	1,207,675	325,709	1,533,384	158	8,378	34,893	1,597,388
Quarter ended—								
March, 1956	..	20,453	1,249,117	323,006	1,572,123	158	3,868	34,369	1,630,971
June, ,,	..	20,383	1,200,590	324,066	1,524,656	158	19,255	37,006	1,601,458
September, ,,	..	20,335	1,135,125	338,841	1,473,966	158	15,074	33,716	1,543,249
December, ,,	..	20,460	1,194,677	352,644	1,547,321	158	6,376	38,619	1,612,934
March, 1957	..	20,501	1,262,973	371,191	1,634,164	158	5,555	38,286	1,698,664
Month of—								
January, 1957	..	20,455	1,237,766	367,173	1,604,939	158	4,888	37,041	1,667,481
February, ,,	..	20,510	1,265,685	372,492	1,638,177	158	5,818	39,076	1,703,739
March, ,,	..	20,551	1,291,770	374,912	1,666,682	158	6,124	39,054	1,732,569

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks—*continued.*
Average Assets within Australia.(*a*)
(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(*b*)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (*c*)	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Other Securities. (*d*)	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(*e*)									
1952–53	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	59,492	3,984	138,762
1953–54	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,360	174,763
1954–55	10,456	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,138	5,675	194,231
1955–56	10,213	33,155	1,238	6,333	38,599	1,824	103,894	6,815	202,071
Quarter ended—									
March, 1956 ..	10,150	33,942	1,225	4,308	39,058	1,707	104,457	6,847	201,694
June, ,, ..	10,212	33,158	1,569	7,038	35,720	2,230	101,380	7,182	198,489
September, ,, ..	9,299	31,150	932	3,385	36,410	2,667	105,868	7,075	196,786
December, ,, ..	9,768	32,817	1,614	3,792	36,172	2,666	107,936	7,465	202,230
March, 1957 ..	10,462	35,157	1,616	4,308	33,774	2,665	108,335	7,178	203,495
Month of—									
January, 1957 ..	10,943	33,650	1,734	3,700	32,072	2,666	110,821	7,000	202,586
February, ,, ..	9,817	34,950	1,317	5,375	33,543	2,665	108,383	7,285	203,335
March, ,, ..	10,507	37,250	1,767	4,000	36,131	2,665	105,179	7,293	204,792
PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.									
1952–53	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	84,040	4,786	638,092	29,693	1,188,699
1953–54	71,244	285,226	17,346	99,368	127,616	6,278	658,534	36,549	1,302,161
1954–55	66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	120,239	5,113	776,762	48,925	1,357,102
1955–56	66,883	238,803	19,672	50,015	113,121	6,695	804,392	56,042	1,355,623
Quarter ended—									
March, 1956 ..	69,451	247,726	18,812	99,673	115,791	6,837	777,702	55,041	1,391,033
June, ,, ..	64,508	241,026	21,158	43,943	118,873	6,621	793,403	57,314	1,346,846
September, ,, ..	68,284	223,403	18,016	31,719	116,451	7,706	787,712	57,606	1,310,897
December, ,, ..	64,798	231,736	22,137	55,291	134,378	7,885	772,680	58,790	1,347,695
March, 1957 ..	66,988	258,949	20,596	87,746	178,136	8,219	735,132	57,390	1,413,156
Month of—									
January, 1957 ..	73,089	237,663	23,691	83,310	166,725	8,107	744,944	57,545	1,395,074
February, ,, ..	66,199	261,828	18,733	88,600	182,128	8,001	732,519	57,017	1,415,025
March, ,, ..	60,152	282,678	18,590	92,437	188,409	8,575	725,480	57,569	1,433,890
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
1952–53	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,141	882	64,731	3,792	94,426
1953–54	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,240	1,169	65,982	3,815	100,122
1954–55	4,586	1,108	2,198	5,641	13,295	1,378	72,189	4,923	105,318
1955–56	3,992	883	1,588	4,119	13,816	817	75,825	5,332	106,372
Quarter ended—									
March, 1956 ..	4,368	867	1,530	5,002	14,291	739	75,949	6,008	108,754
June, ,, ..	3,869	846	1,519	4,915	14,317	759	76,717	5,713	108,655
September, ,, ..	3,454	830	1,591	2,154	14,258	891	75,875	5,244	104,297
December, ,, ..	3,934	777	2,097	2,705	14,735	741	76,961	5,547	107,497
March, 1957 ..	4,113	766	3,048	5,310	15,970	839	78,319	5,933	114,298
Month of—									
January, 1957 ..	4,109	741	2,530	3,889	15,509	986	78,038	6,248	112,050
February, ,, ..	4,290	781	3,339	5,936	16,258	716	78,099	5,855	115,274
March, ,, ..	3,938	781	3,404	6,462	16,258	778	78,892	5,619	116,132
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
1952–53	88,136	234,621	26,356	144,209	123,021	5,760	762,315	37,469	1,421,887
1953–54	87,335	321,116	20,542	130,098	170,780	8,731	793,720	44,724	1,577,046
1954–55	81,950	306,286	21,504	69,503	171,699	8,097	938,089	59,523	1,656,651
1955–56	81,088	272,841	22,498	60,467	165,536	9,336	984,111	68,189	1,664,066
Quarter ended—									
March, 1956 ..	83,969	282,535	21,567	108,983	169,140	9,283	958,108	67,896	1,701,481
June, ,, ..	78,589	275,030	24,246	55,896	168,910	9,610	971,500	70,209	1,653,990
September, ,, ..	81,037	255,383	20,539	37,258	167,119	11,264	969,455	69,925	1,611,980
December, ,, ..	78,500	265,330	25,848	61,788	185,285	11,292	957,577	71,802	1,657,422
March, 1957 ..	81,563	294,872	25,260	97,364	227,880	11,723	921,786	70,501	1,730,949
Month of—									
January, 1957 ..	88,141	272,054	27,955	90,899	214,306	11,759	933,803	70,793	1,709,710
February, ,, ..	80,306	297,559	23,389	99,911	231,929	11,382	919,001	70,157	1,733,634
March, ,, ..	74,597	320,709	23,761	102,899	240,798	12,018	909,551	70,481	1,754,814

(*a*) Averages of assets at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (*b*) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (*c*) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (*d*) Includes Local and Semi-Governmental Securities. (*e*) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.

(£'000.)

Period.	Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.
	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.		
			Hire Purchase.	Other.			
1952–53	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	469	946
1953–54	43,183	4,528	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,745
1954–55	62,316	4,837	17,015	6,717	90,885	748	2,146
1955–56	73,751	5,068	16,570	9,031	104,420	597	3,022
Quarter ended—							
March, 1956 ..	93,291	5,066	16,497	9,101	123,955	662	3,044
June, ,, ..	98,098	5,055	15,773	9,320	128,246	742	3,742
September, ,, ..	65,999	5,081	15,889	9,279	96,248	747	4,090
December, ,, ..	45,927	5,112	17,024	9,487	77,550	400	3,813
March, 1957 ..	59,115	5,136	16,842	9,284	90,377	481	4,125
Month of—							
January, 1957 ..	44,123	5,116	17,165	9,173	75,577	500	3,786
February, ,, ..	64,090	5,137	16,803	9,234	95,264	488	4,170
March, ,, ..	72,879	5,162	16,476	9,473	103,990	450	4,503

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
1952–53	36,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	363,576	434,771
1953–54	38,539	299,684	338,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979
1954–55	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839
1955–56	42,965	331,131	374,096	272,841	35,630	208,717	298,885	515,716
Quarter ended—								
March, 1956 ..	43,834	333,092	376,926	282,535	36,457	210,034	288,791	527,164
June, ,, ..	44,998	331,889	376,887	275,030	33,256	203,185	263,960	514,261
September, ,, ..	42,872	333,866	376,738	255,383	37,600	202,533	287,397	516,186
December, ,, ..	45,411	341,349	386,760	265,330	31,541	206,473	299,280	552,979
March, 1957 ..	46,332	338,560	384,892	294,872	33,614	204,667	361,820	505,792
Month of—								
January, 1957 ..	50,954	341,415	392,369	272,054	34,915	203,332	339,542	525,776
February, ,, ..	43,545	336,049	379,594	297,559	35,498	206,259	364,720	498,423
March, ,, ..	43,341	337,503	380,844	320,709	30,103	204,745	386,769	488,179

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	27th March, 1939.	31st March, 1954.	30th March, 1955.	28th March, 1956.	30th Jan., 1957.	27th Feb., 1957.	27th March, 1957.
10s.	4,112	9,915	10,201	10,636	10,767	10,631	10,770
£1	20,994	69,371	69,066	69,880	71,334	69,952	70,170
£5	11,496	169,292	176,513	188,740	169,723	167,960	169,231
£10	5,094	91,662	103,359	113,882	132,769	130,820	130,981
£20	109	6	5	4	4	4	4
£50	1,254	51	49	46	44	44	44
£100	2,241	57	55	50	49	49	49
£1,000	2,230	759	829	765	779	1,009	720
Held by Banks ..	14,821	39,233	40,507	39,955	46,770	43,426	43,936
,, ,, Public ..	32,709	301,880	319,570	344,048	338,699	337,043	338,033
Total	47,530	341,113	360,077	384,003	385,469	380,469	381,969

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1953 ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954 ..	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
1956 ..	386,554	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	1,656	3,010	1,140,997
Mar., 1956	374,282	375,313	129,075	133,091	55,430	36,531	1,546	2,829	1,108,097
June, ,,	386,554	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	1,656	3,010	1,140,997
Sept., ,,	399,543	396,293	137,894	137,655	60,519	38,525	1,770	3,070	1,175,269
Jan., 1957	408,013	400,381	140,130	137,638	61,001	38,239	1,758	3,147	1,190,307
Feb., ,,	411,940	402,669	140,644	138,770	61,209	38,576	1,767	3,163	1,198,738
Mar., ,,	412,288	402,173	140,452	138,507	61,131	38,483	1,773	3,177	1,197,984
COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.									
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,363
1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
1956 ..	363,711	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,795
Mar., 1956	361,261	108,287	125,787	31,168	53,730	13,853	4,209		698,295
June, ,,	363,711	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,795
Sept., ,,	363,256	111,955	129,062	32,484	54,920	14,735	4,405		710,817
Jan., 1957	359,896	112,284	128,207	32,402	53,658	14,789	4,362		705,598
Feb., ,,	361,073	112,793	128,035	32,633	53,439	14,815	4,365		707,153
Mar., ,,	359,474	112,605	127,298	32,575	53,017	14,852	4,343		704,164

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, etc. The net amount outstanding at the end of March, 1957, was £20,745,000.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1952–53	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	389,316
1953–54	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	446,480
1954–55	187,471	176,147	53,873	36,287	26,247	10,716	821	491,562
1955–56	200,852	185,369	56,028	39,564	26,918	11,615	1,025	521,371
Quarter ended—								
March, 1956 ..	190,013	182,530	52,606	40,150	28,201	11,130	1,109	505,739
June, ,, ..	208,454	190,805	57,198	40,811	26,947	13,011	1,065	538,291
September, ,, ..	200,565	176,866	58,661	38,372	26,709	11,739	1,041	513,953
December, ,, ..	226,150	196,127	64,536	43,308	29,145	12,992	1,131	573,389
March, 1957 ..	218,809	199,479	63,135	43,992	30,376	12,537	1,368	569,696
Month of—								
January, 1957 ..	202,301	188,019	60,347	38,233	29,987	10,728	1,413	531,028
February, ,, ..	224,729	206,174	66,179	48,694	30,729	12,978	1,177	590,660
March, ,, ..	233,524	207,109	63,577	46,489	30,509	14,357	1,504	597,069

(a) Covers all cheque-paying banks and in addition the special departments of the Commonwealth Bank (Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments).

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 31st MARCH, 1957.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operative.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	4	1.4.56	3¾
Other	4¼	1.4.56	4
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	5	1.4.56	4½
Over 20 years			4⅝
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	(a) 6	1.4.56	4¾
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	5⅜ to 5½	29.3.56	4⅞ to 5
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans	5	9.4.56	4½
Loans to Co-operative Building and Housing Societies	5	1.4.56	4½
Commonwealth Trading Bank—			
Overdraft—General	(a) 6	1.4.56	4¾
Local Government Authorities ..	5	1.4.56	4½
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft	(a) 6	1.4.56	5
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	6	1–21.5.56	5½
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	5	10.5.56	4½
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	¾
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	2¼	15.3.56	1¼
6 months	2½	15.3.56	1½
12 months..	2¾	15.3.56	1¾
24 months..	3½	4.12.56	3
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Ordinary Accounts (b)—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £500	2¾	1.4.56	2½
£501 to £1,000			1¼
£1,001 to £1,500	1½	1.4.56	1¼
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £750	2¾	1.4.56	2½
£751 to £1,500			1½
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1 to £500(c)	3	1.3.57	3
£501 to £1,500	1½	1.3.57	Nil
Friendly and other Society Accounts—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £2,000	2¾	1.4.56	2½
£2,001 and over	1½	1.4.56	1¼
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1 to £500(c)	3	1.3.57	3
£501 and over	1½	1.3.57	Nil

(a) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. (b) No interest is payable on amounts in excess of the maximum amounts shown. (c) Prior to the 1st March, 1957. the maximum amount on which interest was payable was £450.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks— Fixed Deposits. 3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	Overdrafts. C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.	C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities. Short-dated 2 Years. (b)	Long-dated 12 Years. (b)	Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales Urban and Rural Securities. (c)
1938–39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(d)	2.00	1.75	(e) 3.67	(e) 3.84	5.4
1951–52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(f)1.50	(g) 4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952–53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953–54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954–55 ..	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955–56 ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	5.07	5.25	2.56	1.00	4.39	4.76	5.7
Month of—											(h)
Mar., 1956	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.68	5.12	5.9
June, ,,	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.13	5.34	6.1
Sept.. ,,	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.99	5.04	6.4
Dec., ,,	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.69	5.09	6.6
Jan., 1957	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.68	5.04	6.6
Feb., ,,	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.70	5.05	6.6
Mar., ,,	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.70	5.03	6.6

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0–5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Average of monthly quotations. (d) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (e) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (f) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amount in excess. (g) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower, and since April, 1956, 1 per cent. lower than rates shown. (h) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (i) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES: AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938–39.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.	Mar., 1956.	Mar., 1957.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng. ..	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa	£A. to £100 S.A. ..	125.55	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand	£A. to £100 N.Z. ..	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji	£A. to £100 F. ..	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America	Dollars to £A.1 ..	3.76	2.24	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.22
Canada	Dollars to £A.1 ..	3.78	2.19	2.17	2.21	2.23	2.13
Belgium	Francs to £A.1 ..	110.94	110.88	110.60	110.38	110.43	111.36
Denmark	Kroner to £A.1 ..	17.78	15.34	15.36	15.31	15.32	15.37
France	Francs to £A.1 ..	141.21	777.96	776.71	778.02	780.35	782.54
Holland	Florins to £A.1 ..	6.94	8.34	8.42	8.43	8.44	8.45
Philippines	Pesos to £A.1 ..	7.53	4.46	4.45	4.44	4.43	4.45
Norway	Kroner to £A.1 ..	15.80	15.83	15.84	15.84	15.84	15.82
Noumea	Francs to £A.1 ..	(a)	138.65	138.61	138.61	138.61	138.61
Sweden	Kronor to £A.1 ..	15.41	11.49	11.51	11.48	11.51	11.48
Switzerland	Francs to £A.1 ..	16.59	9.69	9.71	9.70	9.72	9.74
Hong Kong	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.83	18.84	18.78	18.77	18.81
India	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.76	22.73	22.72	22.72	22.72
Pakistan	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	23.57	22.72	22.72
Ceylon	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.81	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.80
Singapore	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.30	35.42	35.27	35.46	35.27

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)

Period.	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(c)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.	
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.
1939..	135,511	46,635	385,498	18,542	65,177	76,917	24,094	262,096	12,132	36,226
1952–53	283,718	225,944	274,232	35,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081	86,238
1953–54	284,504	254,125	239,569	32,562	286,687	143,766	81,268	261,779	20,556	101,824
1954–55	282,059	292,374	220,979	32,809	325,183	149,683	93,932	275,754	22,537	116,469
1955–56	297,558	334,717	210,607	32,657	367,374	168,591	110,273	277,099	23,755	134,028
Quarter ended—										
March, 1956 ..	58,334	59,225	40,100	6,061	65,286	37,223	26,095	62,296	5,758	31,853
June, ,, ..	71,539	81,902	55,676	8,558	90,460	47,293	29,477	74,634	6,510	35,987
September, ,, ..	83,418	101,249	65,812	10,341	111,590	44,191	30,370	70,984	5,854	36,224
December, ,, ..	76,068	116,862	49,558	8,015	124,877	44,379	29,423	62,493	6,577	36,000
March, 1957 ..	57,802	74,937	40,131	6,190	81,127	38,707	28,419	63,992	6,310	34,729
Month of—										
January, 1957 ..	13,445	17,087	5,383	801	17,888	12,540	9,285	22,787	2,346	11,631
February ,, ..	19,066	26,103	16,373	2,523	28,626	12,402	8,992	20,168	2,008	11,000
March, ,, ..	25,291	31,747	18,375	2,866	34,613	13,765	10,142	21,037	1,956	12,098

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted.(a) (£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(b)			Claims, &c., Paid.(c)			New Loans Granted.(d)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(e)
1952–53 ..	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
1953–54 ..	56,152	14,062	70,214	21,148	8,036	29,184	34,459
1954–55 ..	62,100	14,616	76,716	23,791	8,853	32,644	51,825
1955–56 ..	69,426	14,734	84,160	27,159	9,511	36,670	56,925
Quarter ended—							
March, 1956	15,216	3,166	18,382	6,065	2,204	8,269	12,938
June, ,,	19,740	3,829	23,569	7,152	2,476	9,628	13,565
September, ,,	19,474	3,729	23,203	7,733	2,705	10,438	15,266
December, ,,	18,438	4,174	22,612	7,375	2,428	9,803	16,091
March, 1957	17,796	3,236	21,032	7,052	2,277	9,329	12,707
Month of—							
January, 1957	5,734	756	6,490	2,118	644	2,762	3,400
February, ,,	5,780	1,235	7,015	2,328	775	3,103	3,609
March, ,,	6,282	1,245	7,527	2,606	858	3,464	5,698

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Excludes advances of premiums. (e) Not available.

Section VII.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.

(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938–39.	1954–55.	1955–56.	Nine months ended March—	
				1956.	1957.
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,161	101,254	87,508	66,585	51,959
Excise	16,472	143,149	168,264	121,326	164,867
Sales Tax	9,308	100,446	110,001	79,103	93,290
Flour Tax(*a*)	1,809	..	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,489	13	..	..	1
Income Taxes(*b*)	11,883	532,916	573,988	277,123	285,570
Pay-roll Tax	..	41,455	45,543	33,771	36,308
Estate Duty	1,915	9,614	10,120	7,376	8,646
Gift Duty	..	1,618	1,820	1,384	1,439
Entertainments Tax	..	−2	−1	−1	..
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax(*a*)	(*c*) 74	784	851	792	881
Wheat Export Charge(*a*)	..	5,063	4,294	4,294	..
Other Export Charges(*a*)	..	300	414	460	273
Stevedoring Industry Charge(*a*)	..	998	973	697	1,243
Tobacco Industry Charge(*a*)	..	..	5	..	31
Total, Taxation	74,111	937,608	1,003,780	592,910	644,508
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	72,825	(*d*) 79,341	(*d*) 58,451	(*d*) 65,265
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	1,928	2,545	1,648	2,160
Central Australia	138	1,483	1,937	1,312	1,082
North Australia	50	70	86	69	99
Australian Capital Territory	7	29	15	15	18
Total, Railways	526	3,510	4,583	3,044	3,359
Broadcasting and Television Services	(*e*)	3,875	3,897	2,856	3,639
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	80,210	87,821	64,351	72,263
TERRITORIES	356	2,419	2,249	1,675	1,760
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	725	199	100	250
Defence	151	4,106	3,820	2,574	2,649
Atomic Energy Commission	..	1,082	30	12	..
Civil Aviation	6	(*f*) 4,644	1,159	493	538
Health	18	86	94	72	64
Attorney-General	111	371	408	292	323
Commerce and Agriculture	6	..	..	..	..
Shipping and Transport	152	321	329	207	736
Net Profit on Note Issue	767	5,516	7,866	6,540	7,930
Other	1,367	30,353	30,603	19,207	18,939
Total	2,706	47,204	44,508	29,497	31,429
Grand Total	95,065	1,067,441	1,138,358	688,433	749,960
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 13 9	103 2 11	106 9 10	64 1 2	67 19 10
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	8 16 6	9 6 4	6 19 0	7 12 6
Other	0 8 10	5 9 2	4 19 3	3 7 4	3 10 0
Total	13 14 2	117 8 7	120 15 5	74 7 6	79 2 4

(*a*) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (*b*) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (*c*) Wool levy for publicity and research. (*d*) Includes revenue for airmail services formerly paid to Department of Civil Aviation. (*e*) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (*f*) Includes recoups for airmail services paid from Postmaster-General's Department and Other Departments and from Trust Fund. After 1954–55 all Airmail Services handled by Postmaster-General's Department.

NOTE.—Minus sign (−) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Nine Months ended March—	
				1956.	1957.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	5,316	72,030	80,838	59,629	69,112
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i.(a)	3,839	6,645	8,799	(b) 54,873	(b) 54,540
Debt Redemption Reserve	..	70,151	..	..	..
Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve	..	..	61,613	..	..
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i.	634	59,586	61,390	47,043	43,220
National Welfare and Social Services(c)	16,428	189,319	214,866	160,054	165,601
Subsidies and Bounties	236	21,539	17,393	13,482	11,013
Defence Services	(d) 9,556	186,794	190,716	133,070	135,630
War and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a)	9,665	58,507	59,813	(e)	(e)
War Pensions	8,227	44,548	47,307	35,008	(f) 24,720
Other Services	1,365	17,270	17,367	11,142	13,445
Total, War and Repatriation Services	19,257	120,325	124,487	46,150	38,165
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a)	2,887	2,958	2,323	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	3,851	25,839	28,970	22,452	22,761
Other	11,991	73,289	(g) 83,304	(g) 61,458	(g) 66,277
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	102,086	114,597	83,910	89,038
Railways—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a)	530	573	560	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	142	3,100	2,674	1,681	2,182
Other	801	3,049	3,161	2,308	2,873
Total, Railways	1,473	6,722	6,395	3,989	5,055
Broadcasting and Television Services—					
Capital Works and Services	..	273	817	414	1,533
Other	..	4,871	5,590	4,739	6,209
Total, Broadcasting and Television Services	(h)	5,144	6,407	5,153	7,742
Total, Business Undertakings	20,202	113,952	127,399	93,052	101,835
Territories—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a)	376	361	366	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	739	5,168	8,049	5,843	5,180
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	2,749	3,195	2,144	2,679
Australian Capital Territory	349	2,514	2,385	1,760	1,962
Papua-New Guinea	47	7,313	8,615	5,763	7,327
Norfolk Island	5	34	30	17	24
Cocos Island	..	..	12	1	12
Total, Territories	1,839	18,139	22,652	15,528	17,184
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	5,689	5,689
Redemption of States' Debts	1,478	3,947	4,310	3,282	3,515
Special Grants	2,020	12,300	18,500	13,700	13,871
Grants, for Road Construction, &c., purposes	4,266	22,361	27,469	19,372	24,300
Tax Reimbursement Grants	..	130,046	141,578	84,965	92,790
States Grants—Special Assistance	..	19,902	15,348	9,207	11,646
Tuberculosis Act—Re-imbursement of Capital Expenditure	..	1,709	1,758	794	1,289
Mental Institutions—Contribution to Capital Expenditure	..	..	773	16	421
Other	320	2,879	3,221	1,975	2,403
Total, Payments to or for the States	15,669	200,729	220,542	139,000	155,924
Other Expenditure	2,089	8,232	7,663	6,255	6,562
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	1,067,441	1,138,358	768,136	798,786
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d. 13 14 2	£ s. d. 117 8 7	£ s. d. 120 15 5	£ s. d. 82 19 9	£ s. d. 84 5 4

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) Includes Interest and Debt Redemption for War and Repatriation Services, Business Undertakings and Territories for which quarterly figures are not available. (c) For expenditure on Social Services *see* page 76. (d) Includes £628,000, Special Defence Provision. (e) Not available (*see* footnote (b)). (f) In addition £12,634,000 was spent from balance of War Pensions Trust Fund. (g) Includes transactions relating to Airmail services formerly handled by Department of Civil Aviation. (h) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938–39.	1952–53.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.	Total to 30th June, 1956.
War (1914–18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939–45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	5,684	4,199	4,039	7,622	1,640,350
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	*Cr.* 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	*Cr.* 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	*Cr.* 1	*Cr.* 1	..	*Cr.* 2	*Cr.* 1	40,527
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(*a*)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	..	*Cr.* 4	*Cr.* 1	*Cr.* 1	*Cr.* 5	13,744
Territories(*b*)	*Cr.* 7	*Cr.* 9	*Cr.* 12	*Cr.* 4	*Cr.* 3	8,716
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing	..	30,000	37,200	29,150	33,200	240,559
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Emergency Wheat Storage	..	..	..	..	3,182	3,182
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	29,986	37,187	29,143	36,373	353,970
International Bank Dollar Loans(*c*)	..	17,935	21,468	23,575	19,369	110,222
Swiss Loans(*d*)	..	..	5,792	5,930	..	11,722
Canadian Loan(*e*)	..	..	..	..	6,459	6,459
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	53,605	68,646	62,687	69,823	2,495,713

(*a*) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923–24. (*b*) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (*c*) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (*d*) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account. (*e*) Paid to Canadian Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(*a*)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939–45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1951—August	40,000	22,628	..	3,840	28,660	2, 3¼	1954, 1962–65
November	13,233	12,909	..	1,470	12,076	,,	,, ,,
1952—March	30,533	19,449	..	1,787	15,862	,,	1955, 1962–65
November	20,000	26,925	..	2,459	17,810	4½	1961
1953—March	29,789	20,841	91	3,595	28,331	3, 4½	(*b*)1955, 1962
September	50,000	30,977	..	6,850	59,468	,,	1955, 1966
1954—March	35,000	24,980	..	65	52,000	,,	(*c*)1957, 1967
August	37,594	26,840	..	*Cr.* 7	46,505	,,	(*c*)1957, 1967
November	50,106	18,386	..	..	37,159	,,	(*d*)1957, 1968
1955—March	40,000	13,299	..	1	44,095	,,	(*e*)1957, 1968
August	35,000	23,630	..	4	39,627	,,	(*f*)1956, 1965, 1970
November	30,000	11,653	..	17	28,032	,,	(*f*)1956, 1965, 1970
1956—May	30,000	20,729	..	34	33,000	3¾, 5	(*b*)1957, (*b*)1963
August	30,000	14,869	..	23	31,432	,,	(*f*)1957, (*f*) 1963, 1976
October	29,184	9,230	..	5	30,092	4, 5	(*b*)1958, 1965, 1976
1957—March	35,000	15,085	..	32	36,270	4, 5	1958, 1965, 1976

(*a*) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (*b*) Price of issue: £99 10s. (*c*) Price of issue: £98 10s. (*d*) Price of issue: £98 15s. (*e*) Price of issue: £99 5s. (*f*) Price of issue: £99 15s.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1956, *see* page 75.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, INDIVIDUALS—1955-56.(a)

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Tax-payers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
			Salary and Wages.	Other Income.	Total.	
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105– 200	164,808	25,561	20,623	3,981	24,604	214
201– 300	216,963	54,614	43,014	8,107	51,121	965
301– 400	248,479	87,288	67,189	12,799	79,988	2,521
401– 500	280,227	126,709	95,088	18,759	113,847	4,984
501– 600	322,109	176,936	132,756	23,596	156,352	8,521
601– 700	314,943	205,381	144,319	27,583	171,902	10,737
701– 800	406,000	305,215	212,737	31,015	243,752	16,723
801– 900	417,227	354,658	245,737	32,457	278,194	21,140
901– 1,000	343,406	325,540	221,228	32,331	253,559	21,132
1,001– 1,100	257,924	270,098	177,520	30,942	208,462	18,807
1,101– 1,200	174,712	200,414	124,942	29,229	154,171	15,032
1,201– 1,300	118,569	147,878	87,357	27,378	114,735	12,084
1,301– 1,400	79,891	107,618	58,936	25,069	84,005	9,478
1,401– 1,500	56,835	82,264	41,072	23,563	64,635	7,787
1,501– 2,000	134,831	229,309	89,257	95,844	185,101	26,067
2,001– 3,000	79,743	191,412	41,817	120,738	162,555	30,953
3,001– 4,000	28,800	98,899	15,843	71,216	87,059	21,499
4,001– 5,000	13,592	60,428	9,093	45,098	54,191	15,799
5,001–10,000	17,428	115,005	15,767	89,015	104,782	39,381
10,001–15,000	2,592	30,764	3,810	24,499	28,309	13,441
15,001 and over	1,471	36,076	3,314	27,922	31,236	17,469
Total Residents ..	3,680,550	3,232,067	1,851,419	801,141	2,652,560	314,734
Central Office	12,869	39,311	5,709	28,982	34,691	12,323
New South Wales	1,381,788	1,220,194	737,416	266,861	1,004,277	117,501
Victoria	1,069,979	936,299	547,813	227,485	775,298	89,807
Queensland	499,496	420,245	214,788	121,481	336,269	39,174
South Australia	333,409	293,754	159,382	82,547	241,929	27,638
Western Australia	248,939	209,591	118,006	51,714	169,720	18,864
Tasmania	113,634	92,946	54,937	19,500	74,437	7,579
Northern Territory	6,050	6,059	3,967	870	4,837	556
Australian Capital Territory ..	14,386	13,668	9,401	1,701	11,102	1,292
Total Residents ..	3,680,550	3,232,067	1,851,419	801,141	2,652,560	314,734
Total Non-Residents ..	5,094	6,598	620	5,444	6,064	1,293
Grand Total	3,685,644	3,238,665	1,852,039	806,585	2,658,624	316,027

(a) Assessed on income for year 1954–55.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

Resident and Non-Resident Companies 1955-56.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Taxpayers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.	Net Tax Assessed.(b)
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1– 1,000 ..	9,600	7,503	3,260	664
1,001– 5,000 ..	10,422	31,728	27,473	5,525
5,001– 10,000 ..	4,311	31,686	30,579	6,980
10,001– 20,000 ..	2,945	42,161	41,077	10,601
20,001– 50,000 ..	2,166	70,504	67,782	18,749
50,001– 100,000 ..	916	64,400	63,150	18,044
100,001– 200,000 ..	518	73,964	71,020	20,620
200,001– 500,000 ..	303	93,873	91,941	26,662
500,001–1,000,000 ..	70	51,638	47,169	14,750
1,000,001 and over	73	191,529	173,984	52,402
Total	31,324	658,986	617,435	174,997
Central Office	3,037	332,599	301,737	89,080
New South Wales	12,652	135,931	132,672	35,815
Victoria	8,433	95,564	92,997	25,049
Queensland	2,158	33,383	31,731	9,368
South Australia	2,905	32,849	32,071	8,114
Western Australia	1,280	18,628	16,448	4,772
Tasmania	687	8,978	8,851	2,638
Northern Territory ..	35	241	184	44
Australian Capital Territory ..	137	813	744	117
Total	31,324	658,986	617,435	174,997

(a) Assessed on income for year 1954–55. (b) Excludes additional tax levied on the undistributed income of private companies £3,654,000.

Commonwealth Gift Duty 1954-55.

Grade of Value of Gift as Assessed.	Number of Assessments (a)	Value as Assessed.	Net Duty Assessed.
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1 – 1,000	815	282	9
1,001 – 2,000	229	361	13
2,001 – 3,000	1,094	2,787	83
3,001 – 4,000	670	2,381	74
4,001 – 5,000	463	2,121	65
5,001 – 10,000	1,243	9,257	291
10,001 – 20,000	519	7,236	332
20,001 – 50,000	189	5,619	486
50,001 and over	21	1,342	207
Total	5,243	31,386	1,560

(a) Number of assessments assessed during 1954–55.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1954-55.

Grade of Value of Estate.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Assessed.
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1,001– 2,000	777	1,336	306	9
2,001– 3,000	1,415	4,152	909	27
3,001– 4,000	1,255	5,111	1,823	54
4,001– 5,000	849	4,489	2,065	62
5,001–10,000	4,261	34,074	17,222	512
10,001–20,000	2,550	41,056	32,308	1,326
20,001–50,000	1,455	52,049	43,040	3,547
50,001 and over	316	34,586	25,754	4,772
Total	12,878	176,853	123,427	10,309

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1954–55.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.											Sales Tax Payable.
		8⅓ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16⅔ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	33⅓ per cent.	50 per cent.	66⅔ per cent.	Total.	
1951–52 ..	1,945,086	134,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,079	..	36,276	4,983	4,929	623,390	91,332
1952–53 ..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	..	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
1953–54 ..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	..	3,007	802	..	687,946	96,079
1954–55 ..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,713	..	..	..	..	..	..	766,940	101,427
1955–56 ..	2,655,639	..	159,157	405,029	185,102	..	15,431	34,055	..	..	..	798,774	111,469
Quarter—													
1955—													
Dec. ..	690,477	..	48,091	121,857	56,914	..	..	..	..	..	..	226,862	29,527
1956—													
Mar. ..	620,987	..	35,997	99,432	44,060	..	1,946	5,450	..	..	..	186,885	25,493
June ..	676,852	..	34,987	76 012	28,774	..	13,485	28,605	..	..	..	181,863	29,749
Sept. ..	677,378	..	36,280	83,512	27,162	..	16,912	27,207	..	..	..	191,073	30,984
Dec. ..	749,714	..	44,220	96,099	28,802	..	21,988	30,419	..	..	..	221,528	35,857
Month—													
1956—													
Oct. ..	254,687	..	14,332	31,847	10,298	..	7,051	10,733	..	..	..	74,261	12,113
Nov. ..	259,850	..	15,014	32,648	9,937	..	7,689	10,578	..	..	..	75,866	12,334
Dec. ..	235,177	..	14,874	31,604	8,567	..	7,248	9,108	..	..	..	71,401	11,410

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1955–56 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,325,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £205,399,000 and from the Expenditure total of £224,651,000. In addition, £12,419,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952–53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; and South Australia Railways £4,050,000.

STATE REVENUES.
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
			1955–56.				
Taxation(c)	24,051	22,904	9,627	8,075	(d) 4,155	3,595	72,407
Railways	75,386	37,300	30,404	13,045	13,052	..	169,187
Tramways and Omnibuses	11,067	..	..	..	951	..	12,018
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	3,043	6,860	..	5,410	3,346	..	18,659
Land	5,340	2,322	3,748	546	1,249	424	13,629
Interest n.e.i. ..	1,292	4,138	1,973	4,066	1,534	2,917	15,920
Commonwealth Payments (e)	64,237	41,570	25,737	19,980	21,685	9,802	183,011
All other Sources ..	17,658	8,058	4,180	4,230	3,640	1,089	38,855
Total Revenue 1955–56 ..	202,074	123,152	75,669	55,352	49,612	17,827	523,686
Total Revenue per head ..	£ s. d. 57 6 9	£ s. d. 48 0 4	£ s. d. 55 18 10	£ s. d. 66 6 8	£ s. d. 74 3 1	£ s. d. 55 17 0	£ s. d. 56 10 6
1954–55	193,039	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	(b) 14,495	492,897
1953–54	186,642	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,596	(b) 13,285	468,343
1952–53	180,908	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725	(b) 12,061	436,111
1951–52	167,095	81,661	55,753	37,588	33,955	(b) 10,469	386,521
1938–39	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (b)	Total.
			1955–56.				
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	24,422	19,160	11,053	11,786	8,102	5,017	79,540
Railways	70,621	36,199	32,899	14,751	15,756	..	170,226
Tramways and Omnibuses	13.837	..	..	..	1,173	..	15,010
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2.189	4,242	.	4,100	3,983	(f) 1,123	15,637
Education	35,181	23,275	10,194	7,441	7,391	3,628	87,110
Hospitals	17,154	15,446	7,094	4,489	4,300	1,712	50,195
Other Charities ..	3,621	3,972	2,207	739	1,057	663	12,259
All Other Expenditure	41,882	24,104	13,945	13,476	(g) 9,681	(h) 5,569	108,657
Total Expenditure 1955–56 ..	208,907	126,398	77,392	56,782	51,443	17,712	538,634
Total Expenditure per head ..	£ s. d. 59 5 6	£ s. d. 49 5 7	£ s. d. 57 4 4	£ s. d. 68 0 11	£ s. d. 76 17 10	£ s. d. 55 9 10	£ s. d. 58 2 9
1954–55	195,187	115,453	73,602	50,918	46,554	(b) 14,707	496,421
1953–54	186,514	106,037	69,353	46,566	43,699	(b) 13,270	465,439
1952–53	180,811	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233	(b) 11,763	436,373
1951–52	166,997	84,067	55,708	37,499	34,547	(b) 10,871	389,689
1938–39	53,558	27,773	19,316	12.701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1953–54—South Australia —£540,000, Western Australia +£25,000, Tasmania —£184,000. (b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission. (c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State 1955–56, *see* p. 74. (d) Gross collections. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (f) Losses of Transport Commission and contribution to Metropolitan Transport Trust. (g) Includes reduction of 1953–54 deficit, £25,000. (h) Includes reduction of 1953–54 adjusted surplus, —£184,400.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1955-56.

(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways	13,466	7,840	4,009	2,435	3,128	155	31,033
Tramways and Omnibuses	965	..	..	482	*Cr.* 58	162	1,551
Roads and Bridges ..	150	1,066	*Cr.* 71	100	..	764	5,948
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, etc.	1,809	392	32	887	819		
Water Supply and Sewerage	2,269	7,068	1,753	5,025	2,206	266	18,587
Electricity Supply ..	11,237	1,000	..	5,987	1,025	7,638	26,887
Public Buildings ..	12,380	13,045	3,350	3,629	2,094	1,940	36,438
Unemployment Relief ..	*Cr.* 18	*Cr.* 9	..	..	..	..	*Cr.* 27
Housing	*Cr.* 1,143	105	603	2,299	1,829	2,014	5,707
Other(b)	419	413	4,734	110	209	212	6,097
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement(c) ..	1,441	2,229	518	133	..	*Cr.* 111	4,210
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	5,446	..	1,710	1,244	551	..	8,951
Other	1,329	775	2,377	1,649	209	212	6,551
Other purposes	..	2,419	..	172	1,302	49	3,942
Total Works, etc. ..	49,750	36,343	19,015	24,152	13,314	13,301	155,875
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head ..	14 2 4	14 3 5	14 1 2	28 18 10	19 18 0	41 13 5	16 16 6
Non-Works—							
Revenue, etc., Deficits ..	..	..	..	*Cr.* 47	158	169	280
Other(d)	8	31	94	56	*Cr.* 12	54	231
Grand Total ..	49,758	36,374	19,109	24,161	13,460	13,524	156,386

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1956.

(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways	260,861	134,647	106,368	55,083	58,438	14,269	629,666
Tramways and Omnibuses	19,276	..	..	7,623	1,921	293	29,113
Roads and Bridges ..	21,832	20,413	10,367	4,967	3,183	11,858	142,966
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, etc.	34,395	3,317	4,140	13,958	14,536		
Water Supply and Sewerage	52,280	93,324	11,141	56,308	29,536	1,925	244,514
Electricity Supply ..	98,273	44,089	..	37,637	15,507	58,733	254,239
Public Buildings ..	87,319	73,491	26,635	18,474	16,121	13,021	235,061
Unemployment Relief ..	15,959	13,147	..	..	..	330	29,436
Housing	8,467	10,065	8,433	34,407	7,555	14,495	83,422
Other(b)	14,934	6,279	50,567	2,773	3,365	4,741	82,659
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement(c) ..	41,733	92,387	10,342	9,683	13,164	2,608	169,917
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	52,769	..	10,046	13,894	7,235	..	83,944
Other	18,483	20,057	25,469	15,626	17,179	2,720	99,534
Other purposes	189	21,866	..	5,359	17,466	2,404	47,284
Total Works, etc. ..	726,770	533,082	263,508	275,792	205,206	127,397	2,131,755
Non-Works—							
Revenue, etc., Deficits ..	38,948	15,455	5,826	8,683	12,333	3,647	84,892
Other(d)	27,909	10,478	16,092	3,464	6,141	2,022	66,106
Grand Total ..	793,627	559,015	285,426	287,939	223,680	133,066	2,282,753

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, etc. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, etc. (e) Aggregate *gross* loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1956.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	565,261	122,112	10,763	698,136	20,427	3,914	414	24,755
Victoria ..	397,577	44,705	3,431	445,713	14,886	1,446	121	16,453
Queensland	204,989	43,554	4,256	252,799	7,380	1,445	148	8,973
South Australia ..	216,659	35,316	2,448	254,423	7,989	1,118	92	9,199
Western Australia ..	151,838	35,770	1,125	188,733	5,465	1,149	41	6,655
Tasmania	114,918	6,992	313	122,223	4,332	231	12	4,575
Total	1,651,242	288,449	22,336	1,962,027	60,479	9,303	828	70,610

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of $4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust	Tas.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1956.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	39,004	25,266	15,610	12,768	14,424	6,517	113,589	..	..
Taxation	17,001	15,246	7,252	6,025	3,013	2,660	51,197	592,910	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	55,794	27,206	22,863	9,552	9,498	..	124,913	3,044	..
Other	10,800	488	..	4,265	3,131	..	18,684	61,307	..
Other	15,630	8,370	5,731	5,127	4,546	2,890	42,294	31,172	..
Total	138,229	76,576	51,456	37,737	34,612	12,067	350,677	688,433	921,029
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	139,000	..
Debt Services	16,365	13,250	7,929	8,240	6,100	3,352	55,236	54,873	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways	53,080	27,335	23,348	11,095	11,755	(e) 530	127,143	2,308	..
Other	11,495	502	..	2,959	2,857	(f) 155	17,968	66,197	..
Other	68,797	46,972	24,638	18,699	17,427	8,392	184,925	505,758	..
Total	149,737	88,059	55,915	40,993	38,139	12,429	385,272	768,136	1,035,327
Surplus (+) or Deficit (−) ..	−11,508	−11,483	−4,459	−3,256	−3,527	−362	−34,595	−79,703	−114,298
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1957.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	41,356	29,225	17,184	14,320	15,506	6,404	123,995	..	..
Taxation	21,149	16,061	7,804	6,928	3,165	3,094	58,201	644,508	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	58,051	27,599	27,148	10,026	10,754	..	133,578	3,359	..
Other	12,674	363	..	4,984	3,310	..	21,331	68,904	..
Other	17,292	9,181	7,021	6,605	5,037	3,303	48,439	33,189	..
Total	150,522	82,429	59,157	42,863	37,772	12,801	385,544	749,960	1,006,664
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	155,924	..
Debt Services	17,107	14,359	8,416	8,897	6,592	3,739	59,110	54,540	..
Business Undertakings (d)									
Railways	56,304	27,684	27,264	11,272	12,721	(e) 540	135,785	2,873	..
Other	12,190	536	..	3,132	3,154	(f) 130	19,142	72,486	..
Other	73,304	53,000	26,547	20,574	19,507	9,447	202,379	512,963	..
Total	158,905	95,579	62,227	43,875	41,974	13,856	416,416	798,786	1,086,362
Surplus (+) or Deficit (−) ..	−8,383	−13,150	−3,070	−1,012	−4,202	−1,055	−30,872	−48,826	−79,698

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, etc., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts and special grants, also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, etc., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission. (f) Contribution towards working expenses of Metropolitan Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Nine months ended March—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common-wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1956	32,278	23,540	13,658	15,287	9,616	8,836	103,215	24,030	127,245
1957	35,747	23,687	15,172	17,047	11,127	6,631	109,411	19,910	129,321

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans, payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans and payment to Canadian Loan Trust Account on account of Canadian Loan.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1955-56.(a)

(£'000.)

State, &c.	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	18	..	2	9,753	8,260	10,880	2,923	3,095	34.931
Victoria	25	..	3,250	7,102	4,381	6,778	3,120	5,348	30,004
Queensland ..	13	..	1,387	2,948	2,549	5,339	294	2,194	14,724
South Australia ..	..	..	567	1,846	1,274	3,477	1,167	166	8,497
Western Australia ..	1	..	529	1,107	1,195	1,516	878	444	5,670
Tasmania	17	..	234	632	522	929	494	1,246	4,074
Total States ..	74	..	5,969	23,388	18,181	28,919	8,876	12,493	97,900
Commonwealth ..	573,988	255,772	..	10,120	..	..	−1	*b*163,901	1,003,780
Grand Total ..	574,062	255,772	5,969	33,508	18,181	28,919	8,875	176,394	1,101.680

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ *s.* *d.*)

New South Wales ..	0 0 1	..	..	2 15 4	2 6 11	3 1 9	0 16 7	0 17 7	9 18 3
Victoria	0 0 2	..	1 5 4	2 15 5	1 14 2	2 12 10	1 4 4	2 1 9	11 14 0
Queensland ..	0 0 2	..	1 0 6	2 3 7	1 17 8	3 18 11	0 4 4	1 12 6	10 17 8
South Australia ..	..	..	0 13 7	2 4 3	1 10 6	4 3 4	1 7 11	0 4 0	10 3 7
Western Australia ..	0 0 1	..	0 15 10	1 13 1	1 15 8	2 5 3	1 6 3	0 13 4	8 9 6
Tasmania ..	0 1 1	..	0 14 8	1 19 7	1 12 8	2 18 3	1 10 11	3 18 1	12 15 3
Total States ..	0 0 2	..	0 12 11	2 10 6	1 19 3	3 2 5	0 19 2	1 6 11	10 11 4
Commonwealth ..	61 12 4	27 9 1	..	1 1 9	..	..	..	*b*17 11 10	107 15 0
Grand Total ..	61 12 6	27 9 1	0 12 10	3 11 11	1 19 0	3 2 1	0 19 0	18 18 10	118 5 3

(*a*) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. *See* page 65 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (*b*) Includes Sales Tax £110,001,000, £11 16s. 2d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £45,543,000, £4 17s. 9d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938–39	11,883	47,633	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,519	124,630
1952–53	(*a*) 554,737	183,824	89,067	67,836	895,464	71,158	966,622
1953–54	(*a*) 528,181	220,217	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,400	980,850
1954–55	532,916	244,403	100,446	59 848	937,613	89,486	1,027,099
1955–56	573,988	255,772	110,001	64,019	1,003,780	97,900	1,101,680

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ *s.* *d.*)

1938–39 ..	1 14 3	6 17 5	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 6
1952–53	*a* 63 10 3	21 0 11	10 4 0	7 15 4	102 10 6	8 3 9	110 13 5
1953–54	*a* 59 6 11	24 14 10	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 5	9 1 7	110 4 1
1954–55	58 12 6	26 17 9	11 1 0	6 11 8	103 2 11	9 17 11	112 19 10
1955–56	61 12 4	27 9 1	11 16 2	6 17 5	107 15 0	10 11 4	118 5 3

(*a*) Includes Wool Deduction—1952-53, −£2,223,000 (−5s. 1d. per head) and 1953-54, −£239,000 (−6d. per head).

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1955-56.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	54,209	36,044	22,518	12,681	11,251	4,875	141,578
State Tax Collections	34,931	30,004	14,724	8,497	5,670	4,074	97,900
Total ..	89,140	66,048	37,242	21,178	16,921	8,949	239,478
	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Per head of population	25 5 10	25 15 0	27 10 8	25 7 6	25 5 10	28 0 8	25 17 0

NOTE.—Minus sign (−) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June— 1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	At 31st December, 1956.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914–18)	Australia £A.	175,194	138,430	126,545	122,346	116,283
	London £Stg.(a)	11,020	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534
War (1939–45)	Australia £A.	..	1,458,992	1,439,107	1,399,347	1,405,540
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,725	5,725	5,725
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	209,587	232,797	268,287	365,742
	London £Stg.	72,097	49,478	49,036	48,796	48,711
	New York £(b)	15,913	41,933	50,722	59,199	62,340
	Switzerland£(c)	..	6,126	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	3,082	3,082
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,807,009	1,798,449	1,789,980	1,887,565
	London £Stg.	83,117	62,787	62,295	62,055	61,970
	New York £(b)	15,913	41,933	50,722	59,199	62,340
	Switzerland£(c)	..	6,126	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	3,082	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,917,855	1,923,717	1,926,567	2,027,208
State	Australia £A.	485,179	1,379,019	1,515,483	1,651,242	1,749,367
	London £Stg.	384,328	288,392	288,724	288,449	261,692
	New York £(b)	28,265	21.537	21,520	22,336	22,173
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,688,948	1,825,727	1,962,027	2,033,232
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	3,186,028	3,313,932	3,441,222	3,636,932
	London £Stg.	467,445	351,179	351,019	350,504	323,662
	New York £(b)	44,178	63,470	72,242	81,535	84,513
	Switzerland£(c)	..	6,126	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	3,082	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,606,803	3,749,444	3,888,594	4,060,440
DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)						
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 10	354 10 8	360 3 8	365 0 4	383 13 6
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	39 1 7	38 3 0	37 3 7	34 2 11
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	7 1 3	7 17 0	8 13 0	8 18 4
	Switzerland£(c)	..	0 13 8	1 6 8	1 6 0	1 5 10
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	0 6 7	0 6 6
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	401 7 2	407 10 4	412 9 6	428 7 1
ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE. (£'000.)						
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	94,924	104,840	111,840	117,374
	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	11,353	11,363	11,387	10,696
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,599	2,937	3,420	3,507
	Switzerland£(c)	..	245	475	475	475
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	116	116
Total(e) ..	..	46,170	109,121	119,615	127,238	132,168
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT. (£ s. d.)						
Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 19 7	3 3 3	3 5 0	3 4 7
	London(a) ..	3 18 7	3 4 8	3 4 9	3 5 0	3 6 1
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 1 11	4 1 4	4 3 11	4 3 0
	Switzerland ..	..	4 0 0	3 17 6	3 17 6	3 17 6
	Canada ..	..	..	..	3 15 0	3 15 0
Total ..	..	3 16 0	3 0 6	3 3 10	3 5 5	3 5 1

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of $4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (*see* note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a) (£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June— 1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	At 31st March, 1957.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	165,000	260,000
	London £Stg. ..	970	720	470	220	..	..
State	Australia £A. ..	..	..	..	..	..	12,000
	London £Stg. ..	22,868	22,868	22,868	26,068	26,068	..
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	165,000	272,000
	London £Stg. ..	23,838	23,588	23,338	26,288	26,068	..

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VIII.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938–39.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.	Nine Months, ended March.	
					1956.	1957.
Social Benefits—						
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	81,293	88,006	101,625	76,228	83,106
Child Endowment	..	50,761	52,530	60,381	47,555	42,750
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service	..	429	451	505	365	402
Funeral Benefits	..	288	304	319	245	266
Maternity Allowances	436	3,226	3,362	3,410	2,527	2,601
Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits	..	4,543	2,640	2,563	1,823	2,828
Widows' Pensions	..	6,626	6,862	7,723	5,775	6,470
National Health Services—						
Hospital Benefits	..	8,330	9,321	9,553	7,195	7,411
Medical Benefits	..	1,434	4,210	5,413	3,887	4,410
Medical Benefits for Pensioners	..	2,115	2,516	2,874	2,182	2,236
Nutrition of Children	..	1,999	2,237	2,405	1,517	1,633
Pharmaceutical Benefits	..	8,219	9,445	10,380	7,259	6,865
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners	..	1,011	1,295	1,508	1,113	1,337
Miscellaneous	..	216	258	510	175	634
Mental Institution Benefits	..	495	225	..	..	..
Tuberculosis Campaign (*a*)	..	5,580	5,657	5,697	2,208	2,652
Total	16,428	176,565	189,319	214,866	160,054	165,601

(*a*) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospitals.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year ended 30th June.(*a*)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid. (*b*)	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Popn.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.									
New South Wales	180,543	40,519	221,062	508	114	7 14 8	7 17 11	42,406	12 0 8
Victoria	112,649	18,113	130,762	432	70	7 12 8	7 14 3	24,836	9 13 8
Queensland	66,199	12,165	78,364	483	89	7 12 11	7 16 10	15,178	11 4 5
South Australia	41,783	4,860	46,643	492	57	7 13 0	7 17 8	8,859	10 12 4
Western Australia	30,244	4,425	34,669	446	65	7 13 1	7 16 8	6,681	9 19 9
Tasmania	14,074	2,596	16,670	440	81	7 13 2	7 17 6	3,450	10 16 2
Northern Territory	138	28	166	75	15	7 14 3	7 19 6	33	1 17 7
Australian Capital Territory	577	69	646	167	20	7 12 3	7 17 10	110	3 5 2
Abroad	(*c*)	(*c*)	(*c*)	..	..	..	..	72	..
Australia	446,207	82,775	528,982	473	89	7 13 7	7 16 10	101,625	10 18 2
1955	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14 7	6 17 7	88,006	9 13 8
1954	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14 2	6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8
1953	374,791	70,232	445,023	425	80	6 8 4	6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10
1952	352,049	67,963	420,012	408	79	5 14 2	5 16 4	59,788	7 0 2
1939	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	(*d*)	(*d*)	15,992	2 6 2

(*a*) Includes amounts paid to benevolent homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943–44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (*b*) Excludes the following numbers of age and invalid pensioners in benevolent homes: 1951–52, 5,625; 1952–53, 6,309; 1953–54, 6,463; 1954–55, 6,132; 1955–56, 6,244. (*c*) Included in figures for State in which pensioner is permanently domiciled. (*d*) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or an Australian territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £8 from 27th October, 1955. Age and invalid pensions (except those paid to blind persons) are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population
	No.	No.			£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.						
New South Wales ..	506,512	1,049,901	1,425	2,955	21,971	6 4 8
Victoria	361,848	760,667	1,389	2,920	16,165	6 6 1
Queensland ..	194,028	437,588	1,416	3,192	9,383	6 18 9
South Australia ..	122,425	261,074	1,443	3,077	5,498	6 11 9
Western Australia..	100,047	220,792	1,477	3,259	4,684	7 0 0
Tasmania ..	47,552	108,285	1,488	3,388	2,285	7 3 2
Northern Territory	2,419	5,311	1,322	2,903	150	8 11 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	4,847	10,643	1,406	3,087	239	7 2 1
Abroad	129	263	..	..	6	..
Australia ..	1,339,807	2,854,524	1,422	3,028	60,381	6 9 8
1955 ..	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5 15 7
1954 ..	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1953 ..	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11
1952 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,625	5 9 4

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1956, 21,140 in 392 institutions; 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)			Average Fortnightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.	Class A Pensioners.		Amount.	Per Head of Population.
				£ s. d.	£'000.	s. d.
1956.						
New South Wales ..	17,357	49	8,260	7 9 4	3,160	17 11
Victoria	10,246	39	4,302	7 6 0	1,799	14 0
Queensland ..	7,293	53	3,493	7 7 9	1,328	19 8
South Australia ..	3,505	41	1,548	7 5 9	609	14 7
Western Australia..	3,015	45	1,143	7 2 8	531	15 10
Tasmania ..	1,419	44	718	7 9 4	268	16 10
Northern Territory	25	14	10	6 16 11	3	3 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	70	20	37	(b)	12	7 2
Abroad	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	13	(c)
Australia ..	42,930	46	19,511	7 7 6	7,723	16 7
1955 ..	41,547	45	18,683	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1954 ..	40,726	45	18,100	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1953 ..	41,028	47	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6
1952 ..	40,758	47	17,424	5 8 2	5,615	13 2

(a) Excludes seventeen (1955–56), fourteen (1954–55), sixteen (1953–54), sixteen (1952–53) and eleven (1951–52), pensions in respect of pensioners in benevolent homes. (b) Included in New South Wales. (c) Included in figures for State in which pensioner is permanently domiciled.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay widows' pensions from 30th June, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions, subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£4 5s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age £3 7s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£3 7s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or until the birth of her child if she is pregnant; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, and who is maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£3 7s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 18th October, 1955.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia.
				NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.						
1938–39..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	..	..	80,916
1951–52..	72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	..	..	73	195,722
1952–53..	74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	..	..	90	203,042
1953–54..	72,380	54,219	30,889	18,749	15,803	7,726	..	..	48	199,814
1954–55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179
1955–56..	75,591	58,385	32,764	19,036	17,180	8,328	510	961	110	212,865
				AMOUNT PAID. (£.)						
1938–39..	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	..	..	436,614
1951–52..	1,182,358	835,643	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	..	..	1,494	3,156,992
1952–53..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,925	128,125	..	..	1,878	3,248,305
1953–54..	1,173,058	874,376	496,802	301,146	253,442	125,400	..	..	1,695	3,225,919
1954–55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,129	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,392	3,362,307
1955–56..	1,207,471	935,155	525,779	304,392	276,123	136,512	8,129	15,125	1,722	3,410,408

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (b) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit *see* page 96.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
				UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.					
1950–51 ..	25,324	7,731	22,485	350	5,360	1,194	..	..	62,444
1951–52 ..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952–53 ..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953–54 ..	1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,463
1954–55 ..	253,974	99,305	270,416	12,386	26,709	15,952	112	584	679,438
1955–56 ..	215,672	69,664	287,871	10,961	76,888	9,963	73	728	(d)671,820
Quarter ended—									
March, 1956	58,200	15,100	126,187	2,593	19,248	2,414	10	221	223,973
June, ,,	93,709	28,748	116,377	4,635	35,618	1,739	41	747	281,614
September, ,,	123,803	104,620	29,717	22,922	94,872	4,416	18	624	380,992
December, ,,	135,646	115,256	42,261	28,278	65,968	5,571	2	537	393,519
March, 1957	170,037	152,739	204,705	32,742	97,235	4,460	51	998	662,967
				SICKNESS BENEFIT.					
1950–51 ..	296,418	197,719	96,540	70,770	53,911	30,358	..	..	745,716
1951–52 ..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	48,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952–53 ..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953–54 ..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,593
1954–55 ..	673,235	387,452	254,982	137,117	98,868	51,716	1,559	2,913	1,607,842
1955–56 ..	641,550	350,172	243,952	134,243	93,854	50,901	1,487	2,914	(d)1,519,073
Quarter ended—									
March, 1956	145,767	77,899	e 89,263	31,236	24,227	12,550	303	1,764	383,009
June, ,,	158,137	88,148	43,546	37,175	23,724	11,278	391	1,622	364,021
September, ,,	170,099	88,369	55,886	35,765	25,626	13,003	442	768	389,958
December, ,,	147,159	78,965	61,160	32,007	20,323	11,605	209	903	352,331
March, 1957	142,416	92,266	59,179	34,037	26,511	10,765	405	1,300	366,879

(a) In addition £229,053 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1950–51; £110,759 during 1951–52; £292,431 during 1952–53; £362,398 during 1953–54; £352,587 during 1954–55; and £372,220 during 1955–56; these amounts include payments to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954. (d) Does not include special variations of advances for payments in regional areas, made at the end of the year. (e) Includes £27,950 increase in advances to regional offices.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947–1956 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for the first dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from a friendly society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons 16 years of age to £1 for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of 7 days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.			Expenditure during Year ended 30th June.
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.
1956.								
New South Wales (*a*)	68,403	116,313	16,995	201,711	4 17 6	1 15 1	2 16 3	14,501
Victoria ..	57,452	97,402	13,974	168,828	5 1 6	1 16 1	2 18 4	12,718
Queensland ..	25,812	48,633	5,229	79,674	5 7 9	1 10 11	2 15 10	5,763
South Australia (*b*)	19,639	39,633	4,022	63,294	5 8 8	1 9 8	2 11 4	4,136
Western Australia	17,986	32,630	3,811	54,427	4 8 6	1 10 0	2 9 4	3,451
Tasmania ..	8,219	16,614	1,650	26,483	5 17 6	1 12 2	2 18 8	2,018
United Kingdom ..	1,393	1,672	1,168	4,233	5 11 0	3 16 2	4 7 9	505
Elsewhere ..	386	419	159	964	4 16 8	2 18 6	3 13 10	74
Total ..	199,290	353,316	47,008	599,614	5 0 3	1 13 11	2 16 0	43,166
1955 ..	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	41,504
1954 ..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797
1953 ..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356
1952 ..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845
1939 ..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June.						Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.	Expenditure during Year ended 30th June.
	Age.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.		Total.		
	Members of Forces.	Members of Forces.	Dependants.	Members of Forces.	Dependants.			
							£ s. d.	£'000.
1956.								
New South Wales(*a*)	4,644	2,005	3,188	528	773	12.138	5 5 4	1,473
Victoria.. ..	2,416	2,574	2,483	289	426	8,188	5 0 11	959
Queensland ..	2,009	1,630	1,680	207	314	5 840	5 4 8	679
South Australia(*b*)	970	975	1,030	91	175	3,241	5 2 10	401
Western Australia	1,522	986	918	101	121	2,648	5 13 5	482
Tasmania ..	320	563	702	50	85	1,720	4 6 5	146
Australia ..	11,881	9,733	10,001	1,266	1,894	34,775	5 3 10	4,140
1955 ..	10,566	5 555	5,286	379	530	22.316	5 7 9	3,012
1954 ..	9,648	5.294	5,092	321	451	20,806	5 4 2	2,695
1953 ..	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19.177	4 16 6	2,225
1952 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9	1,778
1939 ..	3,397	3.393	4,667	619	1,032	13,108	1 5 10	407

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.				
1954.				
New South Wales(a) ..	2,557	15,521	467,441	415,860
Victoria	2,003	10,924	299,670	272,548
Queensland	1,555	6,407	(b) 184,210	161,835
South Australia	679	4,373	115,579	107,875
Western Australia	483	3,051	88,748	82,677
Tasmania	321	2,048	51,825	47,169
Northern Territory(c) ..	9	68	1,676	1,520
Australia	7,607	42,392	1,209,149	1,089,484
1953	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	1,037,621
1952	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,934
1951	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123
1939	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)				
1954.				
New South Wales(a) ..	768	6,216	151,882	137,473
Victoria	494	3,584	118,102	(e) 107,000
Queensland	284	2,052	54,792	49,788
South Australia	157	1,137	24,949	22,782
Western Australia	252	1,001	28,021	26,299
Tasmania	57	425	10,116	9,005
Northern Territory(c) ..	2	13	450	389
Australia	2,014	14,428	388,312	352,736
1953	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562
1939	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1954. (c) Year ended 30th June, 1955. (d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control. (e) Estimated.

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income. (a)	Total Expenditure. (a)
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£
1956.						
Sydney	473	379	7,885	1,192	2,789,743	2,743,551
Melbourne	423	155	7,588	1,106	2,568,618	2,960,940
Queensland	286	216	5,329	407	1,324,894	1,239,436
Adelaide	207	159	4,281	367	1,134,185	1,232,764
Western Australia ..	124	77	2,215	173	1,060,643	847,326
Tasmania	81	13	890	112	399,610	406,929
N.S.W. University of Technology	417	395	4,906	144	2,201,423	2,211,166
New England (Armidale N.S.W.)	93	24	952	59	637,900	621,367
Canberra University College	45	22	360	(b)	148,847	154,381
Australia	2,149	1,440	34,406	3,560	12,265,863	12,417,860
1955	1,918	1,459	30,792	3,429	11,605,893	10,471,966
1954	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	9,433,337	8,258,072
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the finances relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.
(b) Included with Melbourne.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a post-graduate research university), had in 1956 a full-time teaching staff of 113, with 74 post-graduate scholars. In 1956 its income was £1,604,814, its expenditure was £1,622,009, and it conferred 12 degrees.

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners.
1955.			
New South Wales	(a) 4,817	(b) 16	(b) 2,238
Victoria(a)	3,109	12	1,295
Queensland(b)	2,355	7	580
South Australia(b)	1,086	16	413
Western Australia(b)	964	19	386
Tasmania(b)	471	2	163
Northern Territory(b)	62	2	50
Australian Capital Territory(a) ..	60	..	..
Australia	12,924	74	5,125
1954	12,629	73	4,980
1953	12,705	72	4,906
1952	12,675	70	4,930
1951	12,318	69	4,444
1939	9,566	74	3,336

(a) As at 31st December. (b) As at 30th June.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hospitals	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In-patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expenditure. (c)
			Medical.	Nursing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1955–56.							
New South Wales	264	20,200	4,194	11,035	414,132	27,018	27,820
Victoria ..	126	11,819	1,915	7,671	222,986	18,797	19,824
Queensland ..	140	10,705	761	4,563	200,369	11,570	12,230
South Australia ..	65	3,617	575	2,062	69,295	5,851	5,918
Western Australia	95	4,291	416	2,376	81,271	5,472	5,421
Tasmania ..	26	2,300	191	1,153	32,903	2,102	2,255
Nor. Territory ..	4	368	13	97	6,224	469	469
Aust. Cap. Terr...	1	250	34	113	5,488	276	276
Australia ..	721	53,550	8,099	29,070	1,032,668	71,555	74,213
1954–55	709	52,979	7,738	27,566	1,046,171	63,943	64,193
1953–54	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,884
1952–53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,141	50,541
1951–52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328
1938–39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1955–56 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,077,618; Victoria, 514,423; Queensland, 583,061; South Australia, 109,196; Western Australia, 126,000 (estimated); Tasmania, 111,008; Northern Territory, 63,530; and Australian Capital Territory, 7,661; Australia, 2,592,497. (c) Up to and including 1954–55, finance figures exclude loan receipts and expenditure for New South Wales.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hospitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue. (a)	Expenditure.
			Medical.	Nursing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1955–56.							
New South Wales ..	14	12,652	(b) 46	2,016	13,767	318	5,147
Victoria(c) ..	12	7,249	72	1,888	7,934	(d) 35	(d) 6,049
Queensland(e) ..	5	4,787	13	1,003	4,735	79	1,852
South Australia ..	2	2,668	13	440	2,658	82	1,073
Western Australia(c)	4	1,674	6	315	1,790	(d) 43	(d) 742
Tasmania ..	1	810	4	190	766	10	332
Australia ..	38	29,840	154	5,852	31,650	567	15,195
1954–55	35	29,656	135	5,656	31,092	654	13,189
1953–54	34	29,089	140	5,415	30,862	888	11,681
1952–53	33	28,546	149	5,132	30,190	866	10,714
1951–52	33	27,573	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1938–39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) Excluding grants from State governments. (b) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists. (c) Year 1955. (d) Year 1955–56. (e) Includes the Epileptic Home.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1945–46 to 1954–55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 44–54.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1950–51 ..	1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,992	8,707
1951–52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952–53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
1953–54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,854
1954–55 ..	1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064
1955–56 ..	2,054	10,095	2,425	11,228	1,697	6,886	2,457	11,096
Nine months ended—								
March, 1956 ..	1,500	7,258	1,754	7,985	1,186	5,116	1,768	8,254
March, 1957 ..	1,549	7,518	2,005	8,942	1,532	6,079	2,027	9,004

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.

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NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1956.								
New South Wales ..	3,696	223	2,319	1,044	2,516	216	862	323
Victoria	1,813	265	3,475	1,040	879	284	994	374
Queensland	357	216	646	173	394	76	962	97
South Australia ..	1,465	106	481	272	2,811	118	915	99
Western Australia ..	218	162	1,964	106	1,248	73	721	66
Tasmania	483	247	159	28	339	233	46	33
Northern Territory ..	19	1	31	1	3	..	1	..
Australia ..	8,051	1,220	9,075	2,664	8,190	1,000	4,501	992
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1957.								
New South Wales ..	4,045	149	2,725	926	2,710	184	1,375	294
Victoria	1,859	236	3,488	732	887	279	1,140	355
Queensland	645	145	360	133	579	67	1,218	94
South Australia ..	1,672	112	453	223	3,538	66	1,303	74
Western Australia ..	271	123	2,023	82	1,060	70	1,729	80
Tasmania	462	212	215	17	291	283	98	33
Northern Territory ..	32	4	26	..	5	1	7	..
Australia ..	8,986	981	9,290	2,113	9,070	950	6,870	930
Total 1955–56 ..	11,184	1,589	12,431	3,421	11,632	1,332	6,667	1,546
,, 1954–55 ..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420
,, 1953–54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
,, 1952–53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
,, 1951–52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
,, 1950–51 ..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,989	6,723	1,326	5,405	1,295

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1957.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	
Butter (Refrigerator)—	
United Kingdom	10s. 2½d. per box (56 lb.).
Continent	10s. 9d. ,, ,, ,,
Cheese (Refrigerator)	2¼d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	303s. per ton measurement.
Meats—	
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef	2 17/32 d. per lb.
Lamb	3 13/32 d. ,, ,,
Mutton	3 1/16 d. ,, ,,
Rabbits and Hares	237s. ,, ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	204s. ,, ,, ,,
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks	204s. ,, ,, ,,
Milk and Cream (condensed)	204s. ,, ,, ,,
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—	
Sugar (Refined)	326s. per ton weight.
Jams	161s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	204s. ,, ,, ,,
Dried Fruits	161s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—	
Apples	12s. 6d. per bushel case.
Citrus	12s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—	
Wheat—	
Charter	165s. per ton weight
Parcels	165s. ,, ,, ,,
Barley	180s. ,, ,, ,,
Oats	202s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
Maize	185s. ,, ,, ,,
Grain and Pulse, prepared—	
Flour, Wheaten	180s. ,, ,, ,,
Bran	200s. ,, ,, ,,
Pollard	192s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
Rice (clean, husked)	185s. ,, ,, ,,
WINE	204s. per ton measurement.
ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—	
Hides and Skins—	
Calf	1 17/32 d. per lb. (dry in bales)
Sheep	3 1/16 d. ,, ,,
Rabbit	4 11/32 d. ,, ,,
Other	4 11/32 d. ,, ,,
Pearl-shell	204s. per ton measurement.
Wool—	
Greasy	3.39d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	4.26d. ,, ,, ,,
Tops	4.06d. per lb. (net).
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—	
Compressed Fodder	204s. per ton weight.
Bark, Tanning	204s. ,, ,, ,,
Copra	333s. ,, ,, ,,
Raw Cotton (in bales)	2 29/32 d. per lb.
APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—	
Apparel and Attire (Effects)	319s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	359s. per ton weight.
OILS, FATS AND WAXES—	
Oil—	
Coconut	230s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Eucalyptus	204s. ,, ,, ,,
Fusel	326s. ,, ,, ,,
Whale	239s. ,, ,, ,,
Other	204s. ,, ,, ,,
Tallow, Unrefined	230s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	204s. per ton measurement.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st March, 1957—*continued.*

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—	
Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	207s. 6d. per ton weight.
Zinc—	
Ingots	155s. ,, ,, ,,
Dust (in cases)	481s. ,, ,, ,,
Sheet (in cases)	211s. ,, ,, ,,
Copper (ingots)	198s. ,, ,, ,,
Lead	153s. ,, ,, ,,
Steel—	
Billets (up to 30 feet)	110s. ,, ,, ,,
Tyres	181s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	102s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—	
Leather	448s. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—	
Timber—	
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	84s. 10d. per 100 super. feet.
,, over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	91s. 1d. ,, ,, ,,
,, over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	97s. 10d. ,, ,, ,,
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	50s. ,, ,, ,,
EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS	204s. per ton measurement.
STATIONERY	204s. ,, ,,
DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—	
Fertilizers	204s. ,, weight
MISCELLANEOUS—	
Soap	204s. ,, measurement.
Casein	323s. ,, weight.
SPECIE	15s. per cent.

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES. GENERAL CARGO, 31st MARCH, 1957.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement: 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From— Brisbane. Direct.	Sydney. Direct.	Sydney. Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Melbourne. Direct.	Melbourne. Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane	..	148 0	..	177 6	..
Sydney	148 0	..	..	146 0	..
Melbourne	177 6	146 0	..	..	..
Adelaide	180 0	162 6	..	127 0	..
Fremantle	(*a*) 196 6	189 0	..	176 6	..
Hobart	(*b*) 173 6	144 6	..	131 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	(*b*) 187 0	144 6	..	115 0	..
Darwin	259 6	278 6	..	296 0	..
Auckland(*c*)	157 0	150 0	(*d*) 241 3	150 0	282 6
Wellington(*c*)	(*d*) 157 0	(*d*) 150 0	..	(*d*) 150 0	(*d*) 282 6
Lyttleton(*c*)	157 0	150 0	(*d*) 241 3	150 0	282 6
Dunedin(*c*)	157 0	150 0	(*d*) 241 3	150 0	282 6
New Hebrides—Vila	..	260 0	..	..	285 0
Norfolk Island	..	240 0	..	..	265 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby	220 0	220 0	..	220 0	..
Samarai	220 0	220 0	..	220 0	..
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	250 0	250 0	..	250 0	..
Rabaul	230 0	230 0	..	230 0	..

(*a*) Plus 20s. per ton if trans-shipped. (*b*) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (*c*) Rates expressed in sterling. (*d*) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1945–46 to 1954–55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 7–23.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,101	6,102	6,103
Victoria	4,686	4,694	4,660	4,482	4,451	4,445
Queensland(*a*) ..	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,553	6,456
South Australia ..	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,564	2,564	2,564
Western Australia ..	4,228	4,113	4,108	4,111	4,111	4,119
Tasmania	605	605	605	605	605	585
Australia ..	26,946	26,839	26,800	26,624	26,587	26,473
REVENUE TRAIN-MILES. ('000.)						
Commonwealth ..	1,841	1,889	1,738	1,953	2,029	2,336
New South Wales ..	(*b*) 38,112	(*b*)40,012	36,289	37,506	37,294	38,478
Victoria	14,575	16,973	17,690	18,303	18,740	18,635
Queensland(*a*) ..	(*c*) 18,562	(*c*) 18,652	18,563	19,241	19,637	19,289
South Australia ..	6,379	6,943	7,199	7,359	7,216	7,113
Western Australia ..	7,136	6,802	5,255	7,204	7,769	8,278
Tasmania	2,071	2,092	1,990	1,898	2,066	2,105
Australia ..	88,676	93,363	88,724	93,464	94,751	96,234
PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.(*d*) ('000.)						
Commonwealth ..	186	191	190	224	215	230
New South Wales ..	268,567	268,168	271,699	278,904	281,417	280,470
Victoria	141,313	165,131	162,857	166,106	169,204	166,708
Queensland(*a*) ..	34,118	35,003	35,819	35,879	35,919	35,647
South Australia ..	17,177	18,269	17,565	17,605	16,849	16,434
Western Australia ..	11,543	10,536	6,339	8,678	10,139	12,271
Tasmania	3,182	3,186	3,151	3,285	3,114	2,977
Australia ..	476,086	500,484	497,620	510,681	516,857	514,737
GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED. ('000 tons.)						
Commonwealth ..	591	694	660	762	816	918
New South Wales (*e*)	18,324	19,817	19,121	20,140	19,386	18,787
Victoria	7,539	9,204	9,192	9,200	10,082	9,607
Queensland(*a*) ..	7,096	6,741	7,351	8,081	8,492	8,180
South Australia ..	3,497	3,941	4,147	4,433	4,474	4,414
Western Australia ..	3,033	3,063	2,619	3,206	3,407	3,793
Tasmania	861	889	897	968	1,041	1,075
Australia ..	40,941	44,349	43,987	46,790	47,698	46,774

(*a*) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles). (*b*) Estimated. (*c*) Partly estimated. (*d*) Based on ticket sales, allowances being made for periodical tickets. Except in Tasmania, concession tickets are counted as full journeys. (*e*) Includes an estimate for livestock.

Government Railways—*continued.*

System.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	2,153	2,925	2,710	3,402	3,741	4,741
New South Wales ..	49,448	68,910	72,676	74,569	73,361	75,386
Victoria	18,651	24,186	31,864	35,707	37,667	37,032
Queensland(b) ..	19,772	23,358	25,985	30,223	31,625	31,312
South Australia ..	7,315	9,457	11,891	12,718	12,939	13,098
Western Australia ..	6,968	8,885	7,667	11,111	12,315	13,080
Tasmania	1,337	1,797	2,039	2,133	2,322	2,535
Australia ..	105,644	139,518	154,832	169,863	173,970	177,184
WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	2,434	2,808	2,728	2,897	2,921	3,176
New South Wales ..	49,168	64,020	66,452	68,197	68,397	74,904
Victoria	20,811	29,612	34,008	35,951	37,032	38,026
Queensland(b) ..	19,427	24,646	27,979	29,103	30,946	33,873
South Australia ..	9,992	13,505	15,013	14,934	15,414	15,761
Western Australia ..	8,932	11,016	12,510	14,298	14,690	15,920
Tasmania	2,009	2,567	2,864	2,804	3,077	3,262
Australia ..	112,773	148,174	161,554	168,184	172,477	184,922
NET REVENUE. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	— 281	117	— 18	505	820	1,565
New South Wales ..	280	4,890	6,224	6,372	4,964	482
Victoria	— 2,160	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244	635	— 994
Queensland(b) ..	345	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120	679	— 2,561
South Australia ..	— 2,677	— 4,048	— 3,122	— 2,216	— 2,475	— 2,663
Western Australia ..	— 1,964	— 2,131	— 4,843	— 3,187	— 2,375	— 2,840
Tasmania	— 672	— 770	— 825	— 671	— 755	— 727
Australia ..	— 7,129	— 8,656	— 6,722	1,679	1,493	— 7,738
RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE. (PER CENT.)						
Commonwealth ..	113.04	95.99	100.66	85.14	78.09	66.99
New South Wales ..	99.43	92.90	91.44	91.45	93.23	99.36
Victoria	111.58	122.43	106.73	100.68	98.31	102.68
Queensland(b) ..	98.26	105.51	103.67	96.30	97.85	108.18
South Australia ..	136.60	142.81	126.26	117.42	119.12	120.33
Western Australia ..	128.17	123.98	163.18	128.68	119.29	121.71
Tasmania	150.35	142.81	140.44	131.48	132.50	128.69
Australia ..	106.74	106.20	104.34	99.01	99.14	104.36

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge line (69 route-miles).

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—*continued.*

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1955.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,102	4,451	6,387	2,564	4,111	605	26,421
Train-miles '000	1,131	19,687	9,400	9,894	3,581	4,158	1,076	48,927
Revenue (c) £'000								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	498	10,873	5,733	2,666	908	733	101	21,511
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals	1,620	27,151	11,420	13,853	5,273	5,383	1,150	65,850
Miscellaneous ..	136	349	1,084	(d)	439	392	41	2,441
Total Revenue (c) ..	2,254	38,373	18,237	16,519	6,620	6,508	1,291	89,802
Working Expenses £'000	1,530	36,041	19,278	16,258	(e) 7,845	7,522	1,491	89,965
Net Revenue .. £'000	724	2,332	−1,049	261	−1,225	−1,014	200	−163
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	67.87	93.92	105.71	98.42	118.50	115.59	115.46	100.18
Revenue per Train-mile	39s. 10d.	39s. 0d.	38s. 10d.	33s. 5d.	37s. 0d.	31s. 4d.	24s. 0d.	36s. 9d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile	27s. 1d.	36s. 7d.	41s. 0d.	32s. 10d.	43s. 10d.	36s. 2d.	27s. 9d.	36s. 9d.
Passenger-journeys '000	110	139,417	84,825	17,658	8,053	5,921	1,484	257,468
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	64	(f) 369	255	440	129	84	11	1,352
Coal and Coke ..	233	9,618	1,430	855	149	286	159	23,317
Other Minerals ..	14		3,092	355	510	134		
Other Goods ..	139			3,254	1,405	1,296	388	
Total Freight ..	450	9,987	4,777	4,904	2,193	1,800	558	24,669
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,103	4,445	6,387	2,564	4,119	585	26,404
Train-miles '000	1,146	19,262	9,233	10,452	3,616	4,359	964	49,032
Revenue(c) £'000								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	496	12,922	6,452	3,017	952	761	104	24,704
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals	1,929	27,271	10,805	16,192	5,551	6,103	1,152	69,003
Miscellaneous ..	202	368	1,214	(d)	457	456	35	2,732
Total Revenue (c) ..	2,627	40,561	18,471	19,209	6,960	7,320	1,291	96,439
Working Expenses £'000	1,765	38,577	19,252	19,247	(e) 8,010	8,020	1,658	96,529
Net Revenue .. £'000	862	1,984	−781	−38	−1,050	−700	−367	−90
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	67.18	95.11	104.23	100.20	115.09	109.57	128.46	100.09
Revenue per Train-mile	45s. 10d.	42s. 1d.	40s. 0d.	36s. 9d.	38s. 6d.	33s. 7d.	26s. 9d.	39s. 4d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile	30s. 10d.	40s. 1d.	41s. 8d.	36s. 10d.	44s. 3d.	36s. 10d.	34s. 5d.	39s. 4d.
Passenger-journeys '000	100	132,996	84,986	17,104	8,906	6,488	1,456	252,036
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	69	(f) 340	236	436	144	90	12	1,327
Coal and Coke ..	266	9,497	1,265	851	100	245	157	23,382
Other Minerals ..	25		2,991	440	642	112		
Other Goods ..	178			3,195	1,316	1,726	376	
Total Freight ..	538	9,837	4,492	4,922	2,202	2,173	545	24,709

(a) Excludes South Brisbane–Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles). (b) Financial details include road motors. (c) Excludes Government grants. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Includes depreciation. (f) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (−) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1945–46 to 1954–55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 46, pages 24–30.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue. (*a*)	Working Expenses. (*b*)	Net Revenue.
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
			1955–56.			
New South Wales ..	113	12,002	174,954	4,231	6,136	— 1,905
Victoria	173	24,082	222,524	6,324	6,715	— 391
Queensland.. ..	67	9,334	95,843	2,431	2,389	42
South Australia ..	83	7,225	48,152	1,797	2,012	— 215
Western Australia ..	34	2,039	15,862	436	554	— 118
Tasmania (*c*) ..	58	3,326	24,833	659	752	— 93
Total 1955–56 ..	528	58,008	582,168	15,878	18,558	— 2,680
Total—1954–55 (*c*)	525	60,275	609,254	15,267	17,797	— 2,530
1953–54 (*c*)	535	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
1952–53 (*c*)	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	— 2,452
1951–52 (*c*)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	— 1,988
1950–51 (*d*)	567	72,093	749,138	13,765	13,941	— 175

(*a*) Excludes Government Grants. (*b*) Includes depreciation. (*c*) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Municipal Council Omnibus Services. (*d*) Includes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus-mileage.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.(*a*)	Working Expenses.(*b*)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
		1955–56.			
New South Wales ..	490	33,987	220,543	5,731	8,457
Victoria	63	5,859	37,509	1,135	1,283
Queensland	444	6,201	40,526	938	1,104
South Australia ..	54	3,517	15,363	537	752
Western Australia ..	2,886	7,204	25,825	945	1,013
Tasmania (*c*) ..	561	992	1,186	177	166
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	922	(*d*) 3,925	129	195
Total 1955–56 ..	4,544	58,682	344,877	9,529	12,970
Total 1954–55(*c*) ..	4,476	58,117	356,774	9,613	12,063
1953–54(*c*) ..	4,591	57,318	347,525	8,853	11,387
1952–53(*c*) ..	4,533	55,672	340,262	9,320	11,465
1951–52(*c*) ..	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950–51(*e*) ..	3,973	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234

(*a*) Excludes Government Grants. (*b*) Includes depreciation. (*c*) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways. (*d*) Estimated. (*e*) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations etc. appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

Excludes Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', etc., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
				1955-56.					
New South Wales	483,397	242,514	37,039	762,950	1,048,901	9,210,350	823,908	1,072,430	11,106,688
Victoria(b) ..	498,644	151,597	27,675	677,916	801,852	5,603,742	400,984	1,048,048	7,052,774
Queensland ..	179,190	127,393	20,394	326,977	(c)	4,363,428	135,674	888,762	5,387,864
South Australia	154,358	63,630	20,713	238,701	292,793	3,122,941	397,510	22,172	3,542,623
Western Australia	98,875	65,626	13,873	178,374	202,495	1,295,848	118,740	144,693	1,559,281
Tasmania ..	48,973	22,975	4,800	76,748	89,659	734,559	44,978	147,860	927,397
Northern Territory ..	1,911	3,077	566	5,554	7,541	34,917	5,321	668	40,906
Australian Capital Territory ..	6,978	2,580	515	10,073	14,005	71,976	7,250	908	80,134
Total 1955–56	1472326	679,392	125,575	2,277,293	d2457246	24,437,761	1,934,365	3,325,541	29,697,667
1954–55	1347082	649,609	133,029	2,129,720	d2295854	22,951,527	1,813,810	3,759,580	28,524,917
1953–54	1199833	606,899	140,614	1,947,346	d2148119	20,450,179	1,634,955	4,326,359	26,411,493
1952–53(e)	1107659	579,444	147,639	1,834,742	2,288,370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23.891,215
1951–52(e)	1030992	580 502	153.933	1,765,427	2,194,167	15,995.554	1.336.530	3,607.266	20.939.350
1950–51(e)	882,455	548,373	145,132	1,575,960	1,985,821	12,333,075	1,141,318	2,403,767	15,878,160

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis. (b) *See* note (a) in table below. (c) Not available. (d) Excludes Queensland. (e) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.
(Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
				At 31st March, 1957.					
Motor Cars(b) ..	508,715	524,396	191,007	162,708	102,628	51,461	2,253	7,561	1,550,729
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	252,472	155,472	130,047	66,618	65,697	22,690	3,372	2,651	699,019
Motor Cycles	36,371	26,244	20,360	20,528	13,378	4,433	618	482	122,414
Total	797,558	706,112	341,414	249,854	181,703	78,584	6,243	10,694	2,372,162
At 30th June, 1956 ..	762,950	677,916	326,977	238,701	178,374	76,748	5,554	10,073	2,277,293
,, ,, ,, 1955 ..	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,808	71,673	4,999	8,834	2,129,720
,, ,, ,, 1954 ..	654,557	559,246	284,207	218,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
,, ,, ,, 1953 ..	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(c)	6,947	d1,834,742
,, ,, ,, 1952 ..	590,532	533,226	255,025	192,313	132,967	55,104	(c)	6,260	d1,765,427

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use. (b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Not available. (d) Excludes Northern Territory.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES.
(Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
				Nine Months ended 31st March, 1957.					
Motor Cars(b) ..	38,271	35,100	14,413	11,856	6,903	3,989	214	718	111,464
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	16,425	9,717	7,492	4,384	3,222	1,458	296	171	43,165
Motor Cycles	2,211	1,558	1,267	1,045	877	248	45	27	7,278
Total	56,907	46,375	23,172	17,285	11,002	5,695	555	916	161,907
Total 1955–56 ..	85,039	72,753	32,689	25,896	16,462	8,425	620	1,556	243,440
1954–55 ..	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
1953–54 ..	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857
1952–53 ..	53,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(c) 386	688	156,996
1951–52 ..	73,466	70,256	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	(d)	817	e 220,935

(a) See Note (a) in table above. (b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Excludes motor cycles. (d) Not available. (e) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1945–46 to 1954–55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 31–34.

CIVIL AVIATION.

Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				At 31st December.	
	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
Registered Aircraft Owners ..	369	384	414	437	436	457
Registered Aircraft ..	821	845	887	934	916	964
Pilots' Licences—						
Private	1,677	2,035	2,245	2,453	2,369	2,502
Student	2,639	2,831	3,193	3,272	3,210	3,259
Commercial	518	552	582	665	634	771
Airline Transport ..	911	917	963	1,003	987	1,002
Flight Navigators' Licences ..	163	166	161	177	167	185
Radio Operators' Licences ..	1,256	1,310	1,344	1,461	1,418	1,626
Flight Engineers' Licences ..	58	67	98	94	99	104
Aircraft Maintenance Engineers' Licences	1,700	1,757	1,747	1,818	1,743	1,844
Aerodromes—						
Government	186	198	183	188	190	179
Public	260	262	304	301	301	314
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas ..	15	16	13	13	13	13

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.		1952–53.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.	Six Months ended 31st December.	
						1955.	1956.
REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.							
Hours flown ..	No.	237,640	251,019	257,787	251,900	124,948	128,479
Miles flown ..	'000.	39,059	41,014	43,513	43,701	22,061	21,368
Paying passengers ..	No.	1,706,446	1,772,357	1,918,125	2,020,380	982,114	1,030,001
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	667,321	702,139	765,652	827,885	405,618	436,849
Freight—							
Tons (*a*)		57,635	69,479	78,711	84,446	42,851	38,866
Ton-miles (*a*) ..	'000.	27,167	32,650	36,984	38,909	20,151	19,278
Mail—							
Tons (*a*)		2,311	2,316	2,317	2,478	1,265	1,366
Ton-miles (*a*) ..	'000.	1,166	1,225	1,257	1,357	711	751
OVERSEA SERVICES.(*b*)							
Unduplicated route miles	No.	(*c*) 66,558	(*c*) 64,250	(*c*) 63,774	(*c*) 58,618	(*d*) 56,217	(*d*) 62,566
Hours flown		54,148	53,580	49,326	50,665	24,435	29,353
Miles flown ..	'000.	11,565	11,464	11,128	12,028	5,175	6,985
Paying passengers ..	No.	97,753	102,965	114,371	131,934	59,728	79,417
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	275,206	290,603	317,565	383,930	178,301	255,920
Freight—							
Tons (*a*)		1,957	2,295	2,662	2,990	1,463	1,545
Ton-miles (*a*) ..	'000.	7,401	8,331	9,372	10,494	5,249	5,809
Mail—							
Tons (*a*)		1,168	1,379	1,442	1,491	774	866
Ton-miles (*a*) ..	'000.	6,122	7,718	7,927	8,459	4,228	5,233
AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT(*e*) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.							
Number		16	26	22	31	18	13
Persons Killed		5	36	27	22	7	7
Persons Injured		19	27	19	27	19	10

(*a*) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (*b*) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (*c*) At 30th June. (*d*) At 31st December. (*e*) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1945–46 to 1954–55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, on pages 55–76. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 37–43 of that Bulletin.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.
(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st March, 1957.
	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Lines connected	985,383	1,049,626	1,127,386	1,206,625	1,260,064
Instruments connected ..	1,383,702	1,475,513	1,587,082	1,703,622	1,785,936

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.
(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (*a*)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (*b*)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1951 ..	679,232	522,502	270,587	204,695	139,669	68,149	1,884,834
,, ,, 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
,, ,, 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
,, ,, 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,683	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,613
,, ,, 1955 ..	746,050	549,690	293,542	223,593	150,199	71,602	2,034,676
,, ,, 1956 ..	776,284	554,339	301,371	228,625	153,445	74,729	2,088,793
31st March, 1957 ..	781,702	559,490	309,479	234,068	152,326	73,907	2,110,972

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory.

TELEVISION—VIEWERS' LICENCES.
(Number.)

In Force at—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Total.
31st March, 1957	11,873	21,769	33,642

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(*a*)
(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported.	Accidents involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
	THREE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.							
New South Wales ..	9,122	3,036	189	58	24	3,807	1,088	476
Victoria	3,649	2,665	157	60	22	3,454	1,328	493
Queensland	6,793	1,816	93	67	31	2,324	1,660	774
South Australia ..	3,086	615	42	47	21	804	893	402
Western Australia ..	2,785	727	38	54	19	937	1,364	468
Tasmania	568	212	22	73	29	245	817	327
Australian Capital Territory	93	47	3	75	30	56	1,400	560
Total	26,096	9,118	544	57	24	11,627	1,224	505
Year 1955–56(*b*) ..	105,638	37,766	2,119	228	93	48,773	5,245	2,148
,, 1954–55(*b*) ..	97,758	36,602	2,042	225	99	46,465	5,121	2,264
,, 1953–54(*b*) ..	87,224	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377
,, 1952–53(*b*) ..	75,295	31,635	1,856	213	101	39,405	4,513	2,147

(*a*) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (*b*) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a) ('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Female Private Domestics and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1954—June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	128.4	198.3	176.6
1955—June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
1956—June	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
1955—Oct.	595.0	1,406.7	2,001.7	57.6	718.7	208.6	306.8	129.5	209.2	182.3
Nov.	595.2	1,417.2	2,012.4	57.7	722.4	208.6	308.6	131.9	210.5	183.4
Dec.	596.3	1,416.6	2,012.9	57.2	718.5	205.4	309.0	135.6	212.3	185.2
1956—Jan.(e)	595.3	1,395.4	1,990.7	57.2	718.9	207.0	288.5	131.4	212.6	184.6
Feb.	597.5	1,421.3	2,018.8	56.6	721.8	210.1	309.2	130.2	213.6	186.6
Mar.	598.9	1,421.2	2,020.1	56.5	722.4	209.5	308.3	130.5	214.3	188.0
Oct.	601.6	1,416.5	2,018.1	57.5	716.9	211.0	311.2	129.2	212.2	189.5
Nov.	602.6	1,424.7	2,027.3	57.3	719.3	212.0	311.7	131.9	214.1	190.5
Dec.	602.5	1,420.1	2,022.6	57.2	715.3	210.2	310.2	134.8	214.1	190.3
1957—Jan.	602.1	1,415.4	2,017.5	56.8	715.0	209.3	310.5	130.2	215.0	190.0
Feb.	605.0	1,421.0	2,026.0	56.5	720.3	210.7	311.0	129.7	215.4	191.1
Mar.	605.2	1,423.8	2,029.0	56.6	722.6	210.6	311.4	129.1	215.6	192.0
FEMALES.										
1954—June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7
1955—June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
1956—June	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5
1955—Oct.	124.0	623.8	747.8	1.1	228.7	4.9	39.0	123.3	84.4	230.6
Nov.	124.9	631.2	756.1	1.1	228.8	4.9	40.0	128.8	84.6	232.0
Dec.	124.0	634.2	758.2	1.1	227.6	4.9	39.1	132.3	85.1	232.0
1956—Jan.	123.9	628.3	752.2	1.1	226.7	4.9	39.5	125.9	86.2	231.8
Feb.	127.3	632.1	759.4	1.1	231.7	5.0	39.9	123.3	88.1	234.0
Mar.	128.7	633.5	762.2	1.1	230.8	5.0	40.0	123.2	89.0	236.7
Oct.	129.3	630.0	759.3	1.2	227.1	5.1	40.1	122.2	87.9	238.9
Nov.	129.6	635.9	765.5	1.2	227.4	5.2	40.7	126.5	88.0	239.9
Dec.	128.4	635.4	763.8	1.2	224.8	5.2	39.9	130.0	88.0	238.2
1957—Jan.	128.1	630.6	758.7	1.2	226.0	5.2	40.2	122.9	89.5	237.0
Feb.	131.2	635.3	766.5	1.2	230.3	5.3	40.2	121.6	90.8	240.3
Mar.	131.4	637.4	768.8	1.2	232.7	5.3	40.3	121.2	91.0	240.3
PERSONS.										
1954—June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	395.3
1955—June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2
1956—June	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7
1955—Oct.	719.0	2,030.5	2,749.5	58.7	947.4	213.5	345.8	252.8	293.6	412.9
Nov.	720.1	2,048.4	2,768.5	58.8	951.2	213.5	348.6	260.7	295.1	415.4
Dec.	720.3	2,050.8	2,771.1	58.3	946.1	210.3	348.1	267.9	297.4	417.2
1956—Jan.(e)	719.2	2,023.7	2,742.9	58.3	945.6	211.9	328.0	257.3	298.8	416.4
Feb.	724.8	2,053.4	2,778.2	57.7	953.5	215.1	349.1	253.5	301.7	420.6
Mar.	727.6	2,054.7	2,782.3	57.6	953.2	214.5	348.3	253.7	303.3	424.7
Oct.	730.9	2,046.5	2,777.4	58.7	944.0	216.1	351.3	251.4	300.1	428.4
Nov.	732.2	2,060.6	2,792.8	58.5	946.7	217.2	352.4	258.4	302.1	430.4
Dec.	730.9	2,055.5	2,786.4	58.4	940.1	215.4	350.1	264.8	302.1	428.5
1957—Jan.	730.2	2,046.0	2,776.2	58.0	941.0	214.5	350.7	253.1	304.5	427.0
Feb.	736.2	2,056.3	2,792.5	57.7	950.6	216.0	351.2	251.3	306.2	431.4
Mar.	736.6	2,061.2	2,797.8	57.8	955.3	215.9	351.7	250.3	306.6	432.3

(a) Excludes members of the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures are subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) From June, 1954, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes employees in Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services(except female private domestics). (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886.8
1954—June ..	758.1	539.7	263.7	176.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1955—June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1956—June ..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
1955—Oct. ..	779.4	556.8	273.1	179.5	136.3	62.9	4.9	8.8	2,001.7
Nov. ..	784.1	559.7	273.9	180.7	137.0	63.3	4.9	8.8	2,012.4
Dec. ..	786.1	560.9	269.0	181.9	137.5	63.7	4.9	8.9	2,012.9
1956—Jan.(b)	777.3	557.8	263.6	180.4	135.1	62.7	4.9	8.9	1,990.7
Feb. ..	786.7	563.0	270.5	183.0	137.6	64.3	4.8	8.9	2,018.8
Mar. ..	785.8	564.2	270.8	183.8	137.6	64.3	4.8	8.8	2,020.1
Oct. ..	785.2	560.9	277.2	182.3	134.5	64.3	5.2	8.5	2,018.1
Nov. ..	790.6	563.8	277.4	182.5	134.8	64.4	5.2	8.6	2,027.3
Dec. ..	791.6	563.1	272.0	182.2	134.7	65.1	5.2	8.7	2,022.6
1957—Jan. ..	789.4	562.5	268.8	182.7	134.2	65.7	5.4	8.8	2,017.5
Feb. ..	790.6	564.7	272.9	183.0	134.6	65.9	5.5	8.8	2,026.0
Mar. ..	791.4	565.4	273.4	183.6	134.8	66.0	5.5	8.9	2,029.0
FEMALES.									
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1954—June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1955—June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1956—June ..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
1955—Oct. ..	297.7	228.3	90.6	61.9	43.9	21.5	1.0	2.9	747.8
Nov. ..	301.5	230.7	91.1	62.6	44.4	21.8	1.1	2.9	756.1
Dec. ..	303.4	229.9	91.0	63.2	44.5	22.2	1.1	2.9	758.2
1956—Jan. ..	298.5	229.6	90.2	64.0	43.7	22.2	1.1	2.9	752.2
Feb. ..	300.9	233.0	90.9	63.7	44.6	22.2	1.0	3.1	759.4
Mar. ..	301.1	234.7	91.3	63.7	44.7	22.7	1.0	3.0	762.2
Oct. ..	301.0	233.3	91.8	62.8	44.2	22.0	1.1	3.1	759.3
Nov. ..	304.0	235.5	92.2	63.0	44.4	22.1	1.2	3.1	765.5
Dec. ..	304.7	232.8	92.0	62.9	44.6	22.6	1.2	3.0	763.8
1957—Jan. ..	301.3	231.3	91.3	64.0	43.8	22.7	1.1	3.2	758.7
Feb. ..	303.5	234.5	92.4	64.3	44.8	22.8	1.1	3.1	766.5
Mar. ..	304.2	235.8	92.1	64.6	45.0	22.8	1.1	3.2	768.8
PERSONS.									
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1954—June ..	1,037.6	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	83.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1955—June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1956—June ..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
1955—Oct. ..	1,077.1	785.1	363.7	241.4	180.2	84.4	5.9	11.7	2,749.5
Nov. ..	1,085.6	790.4	365.0	243.3	181.4	85.1	6.0	11.7	2,768.5
Dec. ..	1,089.5	790.8	360.0	245.1	182.0	85.9	6.0	11.8	2,771.1
1956—Jan.(b)	1,075.8	787.4	353.8	244.4	178.8	84.9	6.0	11.8	2,742.9
Feb. ..	1,087.6	796.0	361.4	246.7	182.2	86.5	5.8	12.0	2,778.2
Mar. ..	1,086.9	798.9	362.1	247.5	182.3	87.0	5.8	11.8	2,782.3
Oct. ..	1,086.2	794.2	369.0	245.1	178.7	86.3	6.3	11.6	2,777.4
Nov. ..	1,094.6	799.3	369.6	245.5	179.2	86.5	6.4	11.7	2,792.8
Dec. ..	1,096.3	795.9	364.0	245.1	179.3	87.7	6.4	11.7	2,786.4
1957—Jan. ..	1,090.7	793.8	360.1	246.7	178.0	88.4	6.5	12.0	2,776.2
Feb. ..	1,094.1	799.2	365.3	247.3	179.4	88.7	6.6	11.9	2,792.5
Mar. ..	1,095.6	801.2	365.5	248.2	179.8	88.8	6.6	12.1	2,797.8

(a) Excludes employees in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic Service, members of Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted (b)
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1951–52(c) ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.9	22.0	672.4	223.0	895.4	1,703	1,369
1952–53(c) ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268
1953–54(c) ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312
1954–55(c) ..	384.0	308.5	87.1	85.1	41.3	23.0	704.9	224.1	929.0	1,767	1,334
1955–56(c) ..	391.5	315.6	87.8	87.0	41.8	24.3	719.8	228.2	948.0	1,803	1,328
1955–56—											
January(d) ..	391.1	315.5	83.4	88.7	42.1	24.8	718.9	226.7	945.6	1,799	1,324
February ..	394.2	318.9	85.4	88.3	42.0	24.7	721.8	231.7	953.5	1,814	1,332
March ..	392.5	319.6	86.0	88.6	41.7	24.8	722.4	230.8	953.2	1,813	1,328
April ..	393.1	318.5	87.0	87.8	41.5	25.4	723.9	229.4	953.3	1,813	1,326
May ..	392.4	317.5	88.1	87.1	41.3	25.5	723.1	228.8	951.9	1,810	1,321
June ..	391.6	316.6	89.5	86.4	41.0	25.4	722.2	228.3	950.5	1,808	1,318
1956–57—											
July ..	389.5	315.0	90.0	86.1	40.7	25.3	719.9	226.7	946.6	1,800	1,309
August ..	390.0	313.6	89.5	85.8	40.5	25.1	718.2	226.3	944.5	1,796	1,304
September ..	390.9	313.7	89.7	85.6	40.8	24.6	718.1	227.2	945.3	1,798	1,303
October ..	391.1	312.5	89.3	85.5	40.9	24.7	716.9	227.1	944.0	1,795	1,299
November ..	392.8	313.3	89.6	85.2	41.0	24.8	719.3	227.4	946.7	1,801	1,300
December ..	391.6	311.7	85.2	85.2	41.0	25.4	715.3	224.8	940.1	1,788	1,288
January ..	393.0	310.7	83.4	86.8	40.9	26.2	715.0	226.0	941.0	1,790	1,288
February ..	394.9	314.3	87.3	87.1	41.0	26.0	720.3	230.3	950.6	1,808	1,298
March ..	396.8	316.8	87.9	87.0	41.1	25.7	722.6	232.7	955.3	1,817	1,303

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns subject to revision. (b) Divided by Index of Total Population. (c) Monthly average. (d) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	V.c.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1951–52(c) ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952–53(c) ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953–54(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954–55(c) ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955–56(c) ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1955–56—									
January ..	98.0	72.3	32.1	25.9	20.2	8.0	131.4	125.9	257.3
February ..	96.6	71.2	31.4	25.7	19.9	8.0	130.2	123.3	253.5
March ..	97.2	71.2	31.5	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	123.2	253.7
April ..	96.3	71.2	31.6	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.1	122.7	252.8
May ..	96.5	71.3	31.7	25.4	19.7	8.0	130.1	123.3	253.4
June ..	96.0	71.6	31.9	25.2	19.6	7.8	129.9	122.9	252.8
1956–57—									
July ..	95.8	71.0	31.7	25.3	19.6	7.8	129.5	122.4	251.9
August ..	95.1	70.6	31.6	24.8	19.5	7.8	129.0	121.0	250.0
September ..	94.9	70.8	31.5	24.8	19.4	7.7	128.7	121.1	249.8
October ..	95.3	71.2	31.9	24.9	19.6	7.8	129.2	122.2	251.4
November ..	99.1	72.9	32.7	25.2	19.7	7.9	131.9	126.5	258.4
December ..	103.5	73.8	32.9	25.1	20.2	8.4	134.8	130.0	264.8
January ..	96.1	71.1	32.1	25.0	19.9	8.1	130.2	122.9	253.1
February ..	95.3	70.9	31.9	24.7	19.8	8.0	129.7	121.6	251.3
March ..	95.2	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.8	7.9	129.1	121.2	250.3

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns subject to revision. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Monthly average.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, *see* page 78.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1949–50 ..	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30	..	..	13,057
1950–51 ..	293	90	320	6	60	15	..	..	784
1951–52 ..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	..	2,391
1952–53 ..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	..	29,510
1953–54 ..	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	..	13,812
1954–55 ..	1,523	576	1,459	66	157	86	..	4	3,871
1955–56 ..	1,344	447	1,544	77	473	58	..	5	3,948
Quarter ended—									
March, 1955	1,300	399	2,259	60	162	53	..	4	4,237
June, ,,	1,095	318	1,532	54	178	40	1	3	3,221
September, ,,	943	347	621	50	255	72	..	2	2,290
December, ,,	719	301	572	45	240	70	..	1	1,948
March, 1956	1,667	359	2,991	62	441	43	..	3	5,566
June, ,,	2,093	793	2,068	154	972	46	1	15	6,142
September, ,,	3,056	2,765	914	598	2,099	98	..	15	9,545
December, ,,	3,466	3,171	1,062	768	1,783	95	..	16	10,361
March, 1957	4,331	3,074	4,085	598	1,984	88	..	17	14,177
SICKNESS BENEFIT.									
1949–50 ..	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	..	..	7,552
1950–51 ..	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	..	7,125
1951–52 ..	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218	..	..	6,486
1952–53 ..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	..	7,054
1953–54 ..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	..	7,967
1954–55 ..	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	12	7,967
1955–56 ..	3,110	1,695	1,189	637	428	229	4	11	7,303
Quarter ended—									
March, 1955	3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,641
June, ,,	3,238	1,936	1,258	607	445	208	5	13	7,710
September, ,,	3,321	1,972	1,245	673	455	230	3	12	7,911
December, ,,	3,083	1,671	1,205	641	415	248	3	10	7,276
March, 1956	2,974	1,551	1,170	596	421	213	3	10	6,938
June, ,,	3,062	1,589	1,135	638	422	227	6	11	7,090
September, ,,	3,170	1,733	1,151	636	473	244	5	14	7,426
December, ,,	2,976	1,653	1,158	600	456	226	3	8	7,080
March, 1957	2,855	1,538	1,143	545	457	206	4	11	6,759

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving special benefits at end of each week were :—1949–50, 877 ; 1950–51, 863 ; 1951–52, 987 ; 1952–53, 1,372 ; 1953–54, 1,859 ; 1954–55, 1,966, and 1955–56, 1,984. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Disputes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1956(b) ..	878	219,458	6,796	226,254	602,734	8,545	611,279	2,199,764
1956—Mar. Qtr.(b)	240	86,112	3,835	89,947	271,707	8,545	280,252	1,018,644
June ,,	195	52,166	736	52,902	100,793	28,042	128,835	511,345
Sept. ,,	222	44,925	2,056	46,981	119,822	25,939	145,761	480,650
Dec. ,,	221	36,255	169	36,424	51,374	5,057	56,431	189,125
1957—Mar. ,, (c)	210	59,608	2,307	61,915	74,803	2,012	76,815	266,273
VICTORIA.								
Year—1956(b) ..	54	35,594	2,283	37,877	111,525	140	111,665	386,139
1956—Mar. Qtr.(b)	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,405	140	85,545	301,665
June ,,	7	5,287	110	5,397	5,726	4,388	10,114	33,475
Sept. ,,	16	10,539	48	10,587	8,552	..	8,552	29,575
Dec. ,,	8	3,228	808	4,036	7,454	..	7,454	21,424
1957—Mar. ,,	13	5,077	..	5,077	1,716	..	1,716	6,165
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1956 ..	269	112,409	2,973	115,382	238,812	..	238,812	815,592
1956—Mar. Qtr.	61	53,979	233	54,212	123,991	..	123,991	418,799
June ,,	60	16,888	644	17,532	35,381	716	36,097	116,561
Sept. ,,	67	17,616	787	18,403	45,556	2,632	48,188	166,952
Dec. ,,	81	23,926	1,309	25,235	29,985	551	30,536	113,280
1957—Mar. ,,	48	9,914	714	10,628	19,134	..	19,134	66,071
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1956 ..	21	18,527	..	18,527	74,666	..	74,666	259,636
1956—Mar. Qtr.	5	4,357	..	4,357	39,374	..	39,374	137,792
June ,,	7	4,698	..	4,698	6,155	..	6,155	22,365
Sept. ,,	5	4,179	..	4,179	23,533	..	23,533	81,964
Dec. ,,	4	5,293	..	5,293	5,604	..	5,604	17,515
1957—Mar. ,,	4	1,334	7	1,341	652	..	652	2,212
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1956 ..	14	9,780	1,341	11,121	31,944	..	31,944	111,504
1956—Mar. Qtr.	4	3,828	1,220	5,048	28,567	..	28,567	99,839
June ,,	1	2,039	..	2,039	564	..	564	1,973
Sept. ,,	7	3,787	121	3,908	1,644	..	1,644	5,532
Dec. ,,	2	126	..	126	1,169	..	1,169	4,160
1957—Mar. ,, (c)	2	263	..	263	130	1,560	1,690	6,045
TASMANIA.								
Year—1956 ..	45	15,969	..	15,969	46,907	..	46,907	172,206
1956—Mar. Qtr.	14	6,922	..	6,922	23,745	..	23,745	83,060
June ,,	9	2,996	..	2,996	2,588	549	3,137	11,104
Sept. ,,	12	3,699	..	3,699	12,836	..	12,836	44,928
Dec. ,,	10	2,352	..	2,352	7,189	..	7,189	33,114
1957—Mar. ,,	10	1,357	..	1,357	1,966	..	1,966	6,571
AUSTRALIA.(d)								
Year—1956(b) ..	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,112,698	8,685	1,121,383	3,967,061
1956—Mar. Qtr.(b)	352	172,149	6,605	178,754	574,434	8,685	583,119	2,065,558
June ,,	283	84,560	1,490	86,050	152,367	33,695	186,062	700,884
Sept. ,,	338	85,817	3,012	88,829	214,000	28,571	242,571	817,632
Dec. ,,	333	72,064	2,286	74,350	104,023	5,608	109,631	382,987
1957—Mar. ,, (c)	288	77,741	3,028	80,769	98,502	3,572	102,074	353,691

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1955. (c) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1956. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK): INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA. (a)

Period.	Manufacturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.) (i) Coal-mining.	Mining. (Group VIII.) (ii) Other Mining.	Transport, Land, Sea and Air. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscellaneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
NUMBER.							
1952	164	27	1,219	7	202	8	1,627
1953	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1955	277	72	777	8	377	21	1,532
1956	164	81	665	5	361	30	1,306
1956—							
March Qtr. ..	52	30	172	..	93	5	352
June ,, ..	38	21	143	2	70	9	283
Sept. ,, ..	47	17	172	1	95	6	338
Dec. ,, ..	27	13	178	2	103	10	333
1957—							
March ,, ..	42	17	145	2	75	7	288
WORKERS INVOLVED.							
1952	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,769	145,033	3,134	505,734
1953	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,020	179,786	1,783	496,046
1954	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074
1955	87,295	22,297	135,543	1,105	191,595	6,812	444,647
1956	45,459	21,225	126,631	7,889	213,386	13,393	427,983
1956—							
March Qtr. ..	23,306	3,790	54,976	..	96,289	393	178,754
June ,, ..	5,682	4,478	21,040	6,058	41,718	7,074	86,050
Sept. ,, ..	11,836	1,995	26,246	622	45,344	2,786	88,829
Dec. ,, ..	4,635	10,962	24,369	1,209	30,035	3,140	74,350
1957—							
March ,, ..	9,424	1,565	30,102	452	38,851	375	80,769
WORKING DAYS LOST.							
1952	572,169	20,079	286,749	19,743	261,109	3,655	1,163,504
1953	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,367	1,050,830
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	352,311	9,361	901,639
1955	493,075	69,443	225,336	9,106	188,532	25,392	1,010,884
1956	284,717	68,073	198,354	12,633	521,662	35,944	1,121,383
1956—							
March Qtr. ..	136,751	20,079	78,345	..	346,561	1,383	583,119
June ,, ..	70,391	28,551	33,040	6,290	33,232	14,558	186,062
Sept. ,, ..	61,500	9,470	47,273	1,200	117,374	5,754	242,571
Dec. ,, ..	16,075	9,973	39,696	5,143	24,495	14,249	109,631
1957—							
March ,, ..	28,060	3,873	44,454	1,528	23,341	818	102,074
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES. (£.)							
1952	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	94,743	752,124	10,567	3,439,850
1953	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,486	703,537	39,653	3,337,437
1954	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1955	1,533,880	234,596	789,322	31,661	641,604	79,258	3,310,321
1956	1,033,759	259,582	683,710	69,840	1,809,656	110,514	3,967,061
1956—							
March Qtr. ..	521,551	69,105	272,746	..	1,198,900	3,256	2,065,558
June ,, ..	271,546	115,847	109,255	36,400	121,104	46,732	700,884
Sept. ,, ..	187,398	32,913	166,632	4,990	406,961	18,738	817,632
Dec. ,, ..	53,264	41,717	135,077	28,450	82,691	41,788	382,987
1957—							
March ,, ..	97,815	11,594	154,447	5,300	81,708	2,827	353,691

(a) See notes on page 97.

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.									
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(*a*) 380
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	(*a*) 360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	(*a*) 365
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	(*a*) 371
1955	235	160	130	138	154	101	20	32	(*a*) 372
1956	238	162	133	141	157	101	23	34	(*a*) 377
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.									
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542
1953	665,737	424,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,679,758
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,555	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504
1955	731,960	446,372	305,509	146,422	111,959	51,401	2,440	5,799	1,801,862
1956	740,582	441,347	314,782	147,728	110,447	52,708	2,352	5,953	1,815,899

(*a*) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (*a*)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia. (*b*)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
1951–52 ..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952–53 ..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953–54 ..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954–55 ..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955–56 ..	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1955–56—							
March Qtr.	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June ,,	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
1956–57—							
September ,,	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
December ,,	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,367
March ,,	19,420	13,500	5,837	4,231	2,899	1,584	47,471
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(*c*) (£.)							
1951–52 ..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952–53 ..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953–54 ..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954–55 ..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955–56 ..	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1955–56—							
March Qtr.	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June ,,	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
1956–57—							
September ,,	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12
December ,,	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13
March ,,	18.45	18.27	15.37	17.01	16.57	17.43	17.67

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory. (*c*) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1957.(a)

(Weekly rates expressed in shillings and pence; hourly rates in pence.)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc...	Weekly Wage	322/11	300/2	292/5	295/2	317/9	305/8	308/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	96.88	90.05	87.73	88.56	95.33	91.71	92.63
II. Engineering Metal Works, etc.	Weekly Wage	306/8	295/3	318/9	289/4	318/6	308/5	302/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	91.99	88.57	95.62	86.79	95.55	92.53	90.87
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	312/3	312/1	287/0	300/7	307/10	320/1	306/5
	Working Hours	40.00	39.93	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	93.68	93.80	86.10	90.17	92.36	96.04	91.97
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	Weekly Wage	293/4	292/6	298/2	298/2	302/5	290/2	294/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	87.99	87.75	89.46	89.46	90.74	87.05	88.20
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	355/8	346/6	334/1	328/9	363/0	345/10	347/11
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	106.67	105.24	100.23	98.62	115.58	103.75	105.11
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	312/9	299/6	284/11	296/0	306/8	314/4	303/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	93.82	89.85	85.49	88.81	92.00	94.31	91.15
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	353/7	339/7	324/5	314/1	334/4	327/10	340/1
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	106.24	101.89	97.32	94.22	100.30	98.34	102.08
VIII. Mining(c)	Weekly Wage	315/3	312/3	301/3	282/1	334/0	301/5	313/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.15	40.00	39.69
	Hourly Wage	94.57	93.67	90.36	84.62	99.07	90.43	94.85
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	333/3	321/4	309/3	294/6	311/2	325/10	320/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	99.97	96.39	92.78	88.34	93.35	97.74	96.21
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	312/1	286/3	281/2	278/4	307/7	293/6	296/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	93.62	85.88	84.34	83.50	92.27	88.05	89.01
XI. Shipping, etc.(d)(e) ..	Weekly Wage	325/1	325/8	322/6	323/6	324/2	325/1	324/7
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.(f)	Weekly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	Weekly Wage	296/7	290/11	266/0	265/11	287/1	281/6	287/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	88.96	87.29	79.80	79.77	86.12	84.44	86.23
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	310/10	301/3	278/11	273/3	299/6	293/1	299/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	93.24	90.36	83.67	81.97	89.84	87.94	89.71
All Groups(b)(g)	Weekly Wage	327/1	311/4	303/10	295/2	318/9	318/6	315/9
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	317/1	306/10	293/4	287/7	315/1	303/11	307/11
	Working Hours	39.99	39.98	40.00	40.00	39.51	40.00	39.95
	Hourly Wage	95.15	92.10	88.01	86.29	95.69	91.19	92.48

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Not available. (g) For March, 1957 the "All Groups" average weekly wage and index number have been calculated by applying, to the December, 1955 "All Groups" average weekly wage, the percentage movement as shown by the average weekly wage for "All Groups excluding XI. and XII." from December, 1955 to March, 1957.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1957. (a)

(Weekly rates expressed in shillings and pence; hourly rates in pence.)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	213/4	211/9	190/4	207/5	184/8	207/2	209/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	64.00	63.53	57.10	62.23	55.40	62.14	62.96
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	Weekly Wage	204/1	204/3	207/9	207/9	208/10	206/11	205/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	61.22	61.28	62.33	62.33	62.64	62.08	61.53
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	223/0	211/5	199/1	215/8	..	208/0	215/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	66.90	63.44	59.72	64.70	..	62.40	64.52
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc...	Weekly Wage	208/7	216/10	184/7	204/4	198/11	209/10	205/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	62.59	65.06	55.37	61.29	59.68	62.95	61.72
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, etc.	Weekly Wage	239/9	253/6	209/5	207/3	..	..	237/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	71.93	76.05	62.82	62.18	..	..	71.21
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	215/5	216/2	201/3	207/5	203/6	207/10	212/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	64.63	64.85	60.36	62.24	61.06	62.35	63.83

(a) *See* note (a) on previous page. (b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS. (a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	**56 2**	**54 7**	**53 5**	**54 5**	**62 10**	**52 8**	55 7
" " **1939**	**96 7**	**93 6**	**97 5**	**88 11**	**100 6**	**89 5**	**95 3**
" " 1953	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
" " 1954	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	290 0
" " 1955	310 1	296 7	284 11	284 9	304 9	302 7	300 0
" " 1956(c) ..	329 7	310 11	303 10	295 2	316 11	318 6	316 5
31st March, 1957	327 1	311 4	303 10	295 2	318 9	318 6	315 9
ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 51s. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, **1914**	**1,096**	**1,065**	**1,042**	**1,062**	**1,226**	**1,028**	1,085
" " **1939**	**1,885**	**1,825**	**1,900**	**1,735**	**1,962**	**1,745**	1,858
" " 1953	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611
" " 1954	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
" " 1955	6,051	5,787	5,559	5,555	5,946	5,905	5,853
" " 1956(c) ..	6,431	6,066	5,928	5,759	6,184	6,214	6,173
31st March, 1957	6,382	6,075	5,929	5,760	6,220	6,214	6,161
ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	**26 10**	**27 9**	27 1	**24 1**	**37 4**	**25 10**	27 5
" " **1939**	**53 3**	51 9	55 2	**49 7**	**55 8**	**50 8**	**52 8**
" " 1953	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11
" " 1954	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	196 7	197 11
" " 1955	205 3	206 9	192 10	199 11	193 7	197 11	203 4
" " 1956	216 10	216 2	201 3	207 5	201 8	207 10	213 2
31st March, 1957	215 5	216 2	201 3	207 5	203 6	207 10	212 9
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, **1914**	**987**	**1,022**	996	**885**	**1,373**	**950**	1,006
" " **1939**	**1,960**	**1,906**	**2,031**	**1,826**	**2,049**	**1,866**	**1,938**
" " 1953	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
" " 1954	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
" " 1955	7,554	7,608	7,098	7,358	7,125	7,284	7,483
" " 1956	7,981	7,955	7,406	7,635	7,423	7,649	7,846
31st March, 1957	7,929	7,956	7,406	7,635	7,491	7,649	7,831

(a) *See* note (a) on previous page. (b) Weighted average. (c) *See* note (g) on previous page.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.(a)

Date Operative.	Sydney	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
December, 1946	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
,, 1948	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
,, 1949	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
,, 1950	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
June, 1956(c)	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0
May, 1957(d)	263 0	255 0	238 0	251 0	256 0	262 0	256 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards. (c) On the 25th May, 1956, following the Basic Wage Inquiry, 1956, the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced its decision to increase the basic wage for an adult male by 10s. per week payable from the first pay period in June, 1956. (d) Following the 1957 Basic Wage Inquiry the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, on the 29th April, 1957, announced an increase of 10s. per week for adult males payable from the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after the 15th May.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	November, 1956.			February, 1957.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
		s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales(b)—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Nov., 1956	274 0	205 6	Feb., 1957	270 0	202 6
Broken Hill	Nov., 1956	272 0	204 0	Feb., 1957	272 0	204 0
Victoria(c)	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	29.10.56	241 0	162 6	29.10.56	241 0	162 6
Southern Division (Western District)	29.10.56	248 4	166 2	29.10.56	248 4	166 2
Mackay Division ..	29.10.56	246 6	165 3	29.10.56	246 6	165 3
Northern Division (Eastern District)	29.10.56	251 0	167 6	29.10.56	251 0	167 6
Northern Division (Western District)	29.10.56	258 4	171 2	29.10.56	258 4	171 2
South Australia(e)	June, 1956	241 0	180 6	June, 1956	241 0	180 6
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area ..	29.10.56	265 2	172 4	25.1.57	266 3	173 1
South-West Land Division	29.10.56	262 11	170 11	25.1.57	266 5	173 2
Goldfield and other areas ..	29.10.56	262 8	170 9	25.1.57	266 7	173 3
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic quarterly adjustment operative in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (c) Rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. By amendment to the Labour and Industry Act automatic quarterly adjustment to the basic wage was discontinued after the August, 1956, adjustment. (d) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers. (e) Automatic quarterly adjustments not operative. The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area (at present equal to the Commonwealth basic wage for Adelaide) is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. (f) The Western Australian Court of Arbitration each quarter announces any variations in the basic wage after considering a statement, prepared by the Government Statistician, which shows movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers. (g) Rates quoted (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. Automatic quarterly adjustments were suspended by the majority of Wages Boards following the adjustment payable in August, 1956.

Section XI.—Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the " C " Series, *see* 1954 Labour Report, pages 8-15.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(*Base of each Index*: *Year* 1952-53=100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	Year ended June, 1956.	1956.				1957.
						Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	..	100.0	101.5	104.0	106.7	106.9	109.1	111.3	110.8	111.8
Melbourne ..	..	100.0	103.8	104.7	109.9	109.9	112.8	113.2	113.8	114.5
Brisbane ..	..	100.0	102.2	103.4	104.7	104.7	106.4	107.5	107.2	108.6
Adelaide ..	..	100.0	102.5	106.3	108.7	108.3	111.9	111.4	109.7	110.7
Perth	..	100.0	106.3	109.4	111.0	112.1	113.5	115.2	114.3	115.8
Hobart ..	..	100.0	106.9	106.7	111.3	111.7	113.1	114.1	115.7	115.5
Six Capitals(*a*)	..	100.0	102.8	104.8	108.1	108.2	110.7	111.9	111.6	112.6
GROUP I.—FOOD (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	89.9	100.0	102.4	103.6	109.0	109.1	113.1	118.9	114.2	112.1
Melbourne ..	89.1	100.0	104.6	104.3	112.9	112.6	117.2	122.4	120.2	115.4
Brisbane ..	90.1	100.0	104.1	104.2	108.1	108.7	111.1	115.9	111.6	109.9
Adelaide ..	90.5	100.0	103.5	106.2	111.1	110.1	115.2	119.5	115.7	110.9
Perth	87.0	100.0	106.3	109.5	111.3	112.0	113.9	116.3	115.4	116.7
Hobart ..	86.8	100.0	107.7	106.8	113.6	114.7	115.8	119.2	120.4	116.7
Six Capitals(*a*)	89.4	100.0	103.7	104.6	110.6	110.6	114.5	119.6	116.2	113.2
GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.										
Sydney ..	93.6	100.0	101.7	102.3	103.0	102.8	103.1	103.5	105.7	106.6
Melbourne ..	93.4	100.0	101.3	102.2	103.9	104.0	104.0	104.4	105.8	106.6
Brisbane ..	94.6	100.0	101.7	102.9	103.3	103.1	103.2	103.7	104.9	106.7
Adelaide ..	93.9	100.0	102.2	102.9	102.9	103.1	102.5	102.7	103.2	104.1
Perth	95.5	100.0	100.9	101.6	103.0	103.0	103.3	103.7	104.4	106.0
Hobart ..	94.7	100.0	102.6	103.1	104.6	104.5	105.4	106.0	106.8	108.6
Six Capitals(*a*)	93.8	100.0	101.6	102.4	103.3	103.3	103.4	103.8	105.3	106.3
GROUP III.—RENT(*b*) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.)										
Sydney ..	87.7	100.0	107.7	109.5	111.3	111.7	112.0	112.0	112.4	114.2
Melbourne ..	99.6	100.0	100.8	102.3	111.9	120.7	121.3	122.0	122.4	123.6
Brisbane ..	97.7	100.0	102.9	105.2	107.0	107.3	107.8	108.8	110.3	111.7
Adelaide ..	86.0	100.0	102.7	105.6	114.9	116.1	118.0	121.2	123.7	126.3
Perth	94.4	100.0	110.8	149.6	159.1	160.4	164.1	166.7	168.5	169.7
Hobart ..	91.4	100.0	108.8	109.4	126.1	139.4	145.2	147.8	150.9	153.9
Six Capitals(*a*)	92.6	100.0	105.0	109.6	115.5	118.8	119.7	120.6	121.5	123.1
GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(*c*)										
Sydney ..	93.6	100.0	100.5	100.9	103.6	103.6	106.2	118.0	121.4	122.5
Melbourne ..	88.7	100.0	100.9	101.3	109.6	110.7	114.6	115.7	116.4	116.7
Brisbane ..	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.5	110.1	110.0	114.7	116.1	118.0	118.6
Adelaide ..	90.2	100.0	99.3	99.9	103.7	102.8	106.6	106.8	107.9	108.3
Perth	89.6	100.0	100.8	101.9	106.4	106.2	109.9	110.3	114.5	114.8
Hobart ..	89.0	100.0	108.2	105.1	110.3	109.9	113.5	119.3	119.7	120.3
Six Capitals(*a*)	91.3	100.0	100.9	101.4	106.4	106.7	110.1	115.6	117.8	118.5

NOTE.—For footnotes *see* page 104.

Interim Retail Price Index Numbers—*continued.*

(*Base of each Index: Year* 1952–53 = 100.)

City.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	Year ended June, 1956.	1956. Mar. Qtr.	1956. June Qtr.	1956. Sept. Qtr.	1956. Dec. Qtr.	1957. Mar. Qtr.
ALL GROUPS (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	..	100.0	101.9	103.2	105.3	105.3	107.0	111.2	112.6	113.7
Melbourne ..	..	100.0	102.1	102.9	108.4	109.4	111.6	112.3	113.1	113.7
Brisbane ..	..	100.0	102.3	103.7	105.9	105.8	107.7	108.7	109.5	110.9
Adelaide ..	..	100.0	101.6	103.6	106.3	106.1	108.4	108.6	108.7	109.7
Perth	..	100.0	103.9	109.5	112.6	113.1	115.0	116.1	117.2	118.4
Hobart ..	..	100.0	106.3	105.6	110.6	111.9	114.1	116.4	117.7	118.5
Six Capitals(*a*)	..	100.0	102.2	103.7	107.0	107.4	109.4	111.5	112.5	113.5
ALL GROUPS (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	91.7	100.0	102.2	103.1	106.1	106.2	108.5	114.0	113.8	113.7
Melbourne ..	91.0	100.0	102.4	102.7	109.5	110.4	113.3	115.7	115.5	114.1
Brisbane ..	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.0	107.1	107.3	109.5	111.9	111.2	111.4
Adelaide ..	90.9	100.0	102.0	103.6	107.2	106.8	109.7	111.6	110.9	109.7
Perth	90.7	100.0	103.9	109.6	112.7	113.1	115.2	116.6	117.6	118.7
Hobart ..	89.9	100.0	106.6	105.6	111.5	113.0	115.1	118.3	119.4	118.9
Six Capitals(*a*)	91.4	100.0	102.5	103.6	108.0	108.3	110.8	114.4	114.2	113.7

(*a*) Weighted Average. (*b*) *Rent.*—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account. (*c*) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of rent, food and groceries, etc. since the cost in 1923-27 *in each group or combination* is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.				1957.
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES. (Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.)(a)												
Sydney	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,998	2,882	2,906	2,979	3,060	3,048	3,070
Melbourne	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,974	2,901	2,907	2,987	2,999	3,001	3,015
Brisbane	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,598	2,533	2,554	2,585	2,624	2,628	2,655
Adelaide	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,709	2,622	2,646	2,739	2,748	2,704	2,701
Perth	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,997	2,883	2,958	3,000	3,039	2,990	3,032
Hobart	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,025	2,992	2,993	3,033	3,038	3,035	3,055
Six Capitals(b)		..	..	..	..	..	2,923	2,831	2,851	2,922	2,966	2,954	2,973
GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES. (Including Potatoes and Onions.)												
Sydney	..	904	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,871	3,160	2,936	2,986	3,128	3,351	3,173	3,075
Melbourne	..	884	2,509	2,684	2,687	2,854	3,180	2,994	3,002	3,148	3,337	3,233	3,043
Brisbane	..	838	2,328	2,413	2,451	2,526	2,719	2,530	2,628	2,684	2,853	2,711	2,631
Adelaide	..	861	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,657	2,871	2,712	2,700	2,847	3,026	2,910	2,696
Perth	..	899	2,359	2,608	2,802	2,868	3,004	2,878	2,937	3,000	3,063	3,017	3,050
Hobart	..	880	2,487	2,803	2,797	2,925	3,142	3,052	3,076	3,102	3,203	3,188	3,070
Six Capitals(b)		886	2,526	2,641	2,671	2,811	3,084	2,891	2,926	3,054	3,244	3,111	2,982
GROUP II.—RENT(c)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.												
Sydney	..	1,004	1,118	1,276	1,324	1,338	1,360	1,348	1,355	1,359	1,360	1,364	1,385
Melbourne	..	935	984	988	998	1,008	1,195	1,011	1,186	1,192	1,199	1,203	1,214
Brisbane	..	841	958	981	1,010	1,027	1,052	1,031	1,040	1,044	1,054	1,069	1,082
Adelaide	..	868	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,247	1,358	1,288	1,316	1,338	1,374	1,403	1,432
Perth	..	872	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,843	1,972	1,880	1,920	1,962	1,992	2,013	2,028
Hobart	..	913	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,275	1,692	1,282	1,619	1,684	1,715	1,751	1,789
Six Capitals(b)		942	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,226	1,325	1,238	1,310	1,320	1,330	1,339	1,357
GROUP III.—CLOTHING.												
Sydney	..	833	3,116	3,273	3,263	3,268	3,292	3,279	3,267	3,279	3,295	3,328	3,359
Melbourne	..	820	3,085	3,201	3,196	3,230	3,267	3,249	3,250	3,255	3,261	3,300	3,336
Brisbane	..	823	3,016	3,103	3,120	3,141	3,152	3,136	3,128	3,134	3,155	3,192	3,225
Adelaide	..	857	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,237	3,224	3,238	3,239	3,213	3,216	3,226	3,240
Perth	..	823	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,221	3,241	3,229	3,228	3,228	3,243	3,265	3,299
Hobart	..	848	3,089	3,212	3,238	3,261	3,309	3,278	3,278	3,303	3,316	3,340	3,372
Six Capitals(b)		829	3,096	3,223	3,218	3,237	3,261	3,248	3,243	3,248	3,260	3,292	3,323
GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.												
Sydney	..	936	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,037	2,206	2,064	2,074	2,135	2,267	2,348	2,369
Melbourne	..	982	1,949	2,090	2,090	2,129	2,309	2,214	2,224	2,325	2,336	2,352	2,360
Brisbane	..	947	1,841	1,928	1,987	2,022	2,166	2,078	2,086	2,172	2,190	2,215	2,242
Adelaide	..	1,023	2,025	2,098	2,103	2,145	2,216	2,160	2,161	2,225	2,227	2,249	2,259
Perth	..	949	1,945	2,039	2,049	2,095	2,190	2,123	2,129	2,176	2,181	2,272	2,279
Hobart	..	933	1,920	2,137	2,125	2,123	2,232	2,136	2,140	2,199	2,291	2,298	2,311
Six Capitals(b)		961	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,081	2,236	2,128	2,137	2,212	2,273	2,320	2,336

NOTE.—For footnotes *see* page 106.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES—*continued.*

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923–27=1,000.)

CITY.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.				1957.
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
ALL GROUPS. (Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.)(*a*)												
Sydney	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,525	2,452	2,461	2,501	2,559	2,578	2,602
Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,492	2,401	2,447	2,497	2,506	2,519	2,536
Brisbane	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,272	2,225	2,234	2,263	2,287	2,305	2,330
Adelaide	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,408	2,354	2,369	2,413	2,426	2,424	2,434
Perth	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,653	2,576	2,612	2,646	2,671	2,681	2,708
Hobart	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,622	2,488	2,569	2,616	2,645	2,659	2,685
Six Capitals(*b*)	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,489	2,413	2,437	2,480	2,511	2,526	2,547
ALL GROUPS. (Including Potatoes and Onions.)												
Sydney	913	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,584	2,471	2,490	2,556	2,665	2,624	2,604
Melbourne ..	896	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,567	2,436	2,481	2,555	2,628	2,603	2,546
Brisbane	852	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,316	2,223	2,260	2,299	2,370	2,335	2,321
Adelaide	888	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,466	2,386	2,388	2,452	2,526	2,497	2,432
Perth	882	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,655	2,573	2,605	2,646	2,680	2,690	2,714
Hobart	887	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,663	2,511	2,598	2,639	2,703	2,712	2,688
Six Capitals(*b*)	897	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,547	2,435	2,465	2,528	2,612	2,583	2,550

(*a*) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955. (*b*) Weighted average. (*c*) *See* note (*b*) on page 104.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(*Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities*, 1923–27=1,000.)

State and Town.	Including Potatoes and Onions.					Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.(*a*)				
	1956.				1957.	1956.				1957.
	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	2,986	3,128	3,351	3,173	3,075	2,906	2,979	3,060	3,048	3,070
Newcastle	3,049	3,162	3,375	3,249	3,124	2,979	3,018	3,096	3,117	3,143
Broken Hill	3,124	3,217	3,463	3,387	3,227	3,056	3,108	3,173	3,180	3,238
Goulburn	3,126	3,187	3,405	3,309	3,183	3,012	3,042	3,104	3,115	3,154
Bathurst	3,132	3,198	3,395	3,295	3,178	3,033	3,062	3,112	3,127	3,153
FIVE TOWNS(*b*)	2,996	3,133	3,356	3,185	3,084	2,916	2,986	3,066	3,058	3,081
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	3,002	3,148	3,337	3,233	3,043	2,907	2,987	2,999	3,001	3,015
Ballarat	3,028	3,167	3,370	3,263	3,100	2,944	3,023	3,053	3,068	3,092
Bendigo	3,029	3,136	3,366	3,256	3,083	2,933	3,012	3,044	3,059	3,072
Geelong	2,995	3,128	3,318	3,224	3,034	2,914	2,984	3,004	3,021	3,020
Warrnambool	3,053	3,243	3,445	3,387	3,200	2,973	3,112	3,152	3,167	3,187
FIVE TOWNS(*b*)	3,004	3,148	3,339	3,235	3,047	2,910	2,990	3,004	3,006	3,021
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	2,628	2,684	2,853	2,711	2,631	2,554	2,585	2,624	2,628	2,655
Toowoomba	2,693	2,764	2,905	2,801	2,705	2,612	2,651	2,673	2,705	2,743
Rockhampton	2,677	2,698	2,814	2,708	2,644	2,589	2,587	2,606	2,620	2,649
Townsville	2,800	2,825	2,946	2,812	2,764	2,711	2,725	2,743	2,745	2,779
Bundaberg	2,695	2,724	2,843	2,748	2,652	2,617	2,610	2,625	2,637	2,669
FIVE TOWNS(*b*)	2,650	2,701	2,859	2,725	2,646	2,573	2,599	2,634	2,640	2,669
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	2,700	2,847	3,026	2,910	2,696	2,646	2,739	2,748	2,704	2,701
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	2,716	2,889	3,096	2,965	2,762	2,669	2,784	2,802	2,776	2,769
Port Pirie	2,749	2,916	3,112	3,039	2,827	2,699	2,808	2,825	2,817	2,831
Mount Gambier	2,760	2,946	3,133	3,042	2,794	2,684	2,827	2,856	2,823	2,788
Peterborough	2,763	2,924	3,115	3,008	2,783	2,708	2,809	2,826	2,788	2,781
FIVE TOWNS(*b*)	2,704	2,853	3,034	2,919	2,705	2,649	2,745	2,755	2,713	2,710
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle	2,937	3,000	3,063	3,017	3,050	2,958	3,000	3,039	2,990	3,032
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	3,080	3,142	3,216	3,240	3,251	3,094	3,131	3,191	3,214	3,227
Northam	2,932	3,022	3,115	3,150	3,145	2,949	3,022	3,096	3,125	3,129
Bunbury	2,980	3,037	3,101	3,136	3,134	2,995	3,031	3,070	3,102	3,113
Geraldton	2,989	3,059	3,182	3,209	3,201	3,006	3,056	3,156	3,178	3,187
FIVE TOWNS(*b*)	2,949	3,012	3,079	3,043	3,071	2,969	3,012	3,054	3,016	3,053
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	3,076	3,102	3,203	3,188	3,070	2,993	3,033	3,038	3,035	3,055
Launceston	2,953	3,038	3,127	3,107	2,925	2,888	2,922	2,898	2,896	2,905
Burnie	3,005	3,071	3,245	3,199	3,062	2,911	2,951	2,989	2,989	3,017
Devonport	3,005	3,068	3,187	3,206	3,049	2,924	2,965	2,964	2,973	3,026
Queenstown	3,195	3,239	3,452	3,407	3,288	3,103	3,137	3,190	3,220	3,268
FIVE TOWNS(*b*)	3,036	3,085	3,189	3,172	3,032	2,958	2,996	2,994	2,994	3,013
THIRTY TOWNS(*b*)	2,930	3,054	3,242	3,115	2,985	2,856	2,924	2,967	2,958	2,977
SIX CAPITALS(*b*)	2,926	3,054	3,244	3,111	2,982	2,851	2,922	2,966	2,954	2,973
Lithgow (N.S.W)(*c*)	3,166	3,255	3,521	3,431	3,295	3,059	3,110	3,233	3,251	3,280
Warwick (Q.)(*c*)	2,693	2,765	2,901	2,778	2,659	2,619	2,651	2,667	2,669	2,687
Port Augusta (S.A.)(*c*)	2,768	2,921	3,124	3,078	2,866	2,718	2,813	2,849	2,842	2,854
Whyalla (S.A.)(*c*)	2,833	2,993	3,170	3,086	2,873	2,767	2,883	2,901	2,876	2,873
Canberra (A.C.T.)(*c*)	3,208	3,324	3,538	3,452	3,320	3,114	3,187	3,250	3,272	3,302

(*a*) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955. (*b*) Weighted average. (*c*) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Rent, (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(*Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities*, 1923–27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Including Potatoes and Onions.			Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.(*a*)		
						1956.	March Qtr. 1956.	March Qtr. 1957.	1956.	March Qtr. 1956.	March Qtr. 1957.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,584	2,490	2,604	2,525	2,461	2,602
Newcastle	877	2,209	2,295	2,324	2,395	2,531	2,444	2,541	2,474	2,419	2,548
Broken Hill ..	940	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,453	2,576	2,489	2,597	2,516	2,465	2,601
Goulburn	893	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,422	2,587	2,504	2,600	2,520	2,464	2,590
Bathurst	860	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,441	2,560	2,482	2,578	2,498	2,445	2,569
FIVE TOWNS(*b*) ..	911	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,435	2,579	2,487	2,599	2,521	2,458	2,597
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	896	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,567	2,481	2,546	2,492	2,447	2,536
Ballarat	850	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,340	2,529	2,437	2,519	2,462	2,406	2,515
Bendigo	854	2,139	2,261	2,266	2,339	2,540	2,451	2,528	2,473	2,416	2,523
Geelong	884	2,154	2,263	2,268	2,341	2,538	2,451	2,523	2,471	2,421	2,518
Warrnambool ..	892	2,205	2,323	2,345	2,407	2,592	2,481	2,582	2,526	2,452	2,576
FIVE TOWNS(*b*) ..	893	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,363	2,564	2,478	2,544	2,490	2,444	2,535
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,316	2,260	2,321	2,272	2,234	2,330
Toowoomba ..	843	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,247	2,356	2,295	2,358	2,309	2,266	2,372
Rockhampton ..	853	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,253	2,346	2,296	2,360	2,303	2,265	2,364
Townsville	902	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,333	2,434	2,388	2,447	2,393	2,357	2,454
Bundaberg ..	831	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,202	2,293	2,250	2,304	2,248	2,222	2,311
FIVE TOWNS(*b*) ..	854	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,225	2,328	2,274	2,334	2,284	2,246	2,343
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,466	2,388	2,432	2,408	2,369	2,434
Kadina, &c. ..	786	2,077	2,162	2,201	2,255	2,355	2,262	2,325	2,297	2,245	2,327
Port Pirie	868	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,309	2,408	2,322	2,392	2,348	2,305	2,393
Mount Gambier ..	849	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,314	2,428	2,342	2,387	2,364	2,314	2,384
Peterborough ..	868	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,330	2,428	2,345	2,383	2,366	2,325	2,382
FIVE TOWNS(*b*) ..	883	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,348	2,460	2,381	2,426	2,401	2,361	2,428
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,655	2,605	2,714	2,653	2,612	2,708
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,493	2,563	2,515	2,624	2,559	2,520	2,615
Northam	900	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,508	2,584	2,521	2,652	2,582	2,527	2,646
Bunbury	914	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,569	2,664	2,588	2,731	2,660	2,594	2,724
Geraldton	957	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,702	2,825	2,763	2,884	2,822	2,770	2,880
FIVE TOWNS(*b*) ..	897	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,552	2,651	2,599	2,710	2,648	2,607	2,704
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,663	2,598	2,688	2,622	2,569	2,685
Launceston	872	2,154	2,359	2,364	2,400	2,650	2,582	2,642	2,596	2,560	2,637
Burnie	865	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,373	2,583	2,472	2,626	2,523	2,438	2,612
Devonport	848	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,339	2,547	2,438	2,611	2,490	2,408	2,604
Queenstown ..	875	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,380	2,514	2,439	2,537	2,455	2,405	2,529
FIVE TOWNS(*b*) ..	879	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,428	2,646	2,575	2,662	2,598	2,548	2,658
THIRTY TOWNS(*b*)	894	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,389	2,542	2,460	2,546	2,484	2,433	2,543
SIX CAPITALS(*b*) ..	897	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,547	2,465	2,550	2,489	2,437	2,547
Warwick (Q.)(*c*) ..	800	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,218	2,312	2,256	2,300	2,264	2,229	2,311
Port Augusta (S.A.)(*c*) ..	863	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,300	2,413	2,323	2,403	2,353	2,305	2,398
Whyalla (S.A.)(*c*) ..	(*d*)	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,367	2,472	2,378	2,489	2,413	2,354	2,490
Canberra (A.C.T.)(*c*) ..	966	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,472	2,660	2,572	2,677	2,598	2,540	2,672

(*a*) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955. (*b*) Weighted average. (*c*) Not included in weighted averages above. (*d*) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.*)(a)*

Period.	Food and Groceries. (b)		Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (c)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Groups. (b)	
Year—							
1914(d).. ..	641		649	754	749	687	
1919(d).. ..	1,026		768	1,238	1,036	1,022	
1924	969		988	1,003	1,004	987	
1925	998		1,008	991	992	997	
1926	1,023		1,026	986	998	1,011	
1927	1,000		1,030	975	1,008	1,002	
1928	985		1,066	997	1,010	1,009	
1929	1,044		1,073	996	1,007	1,033	
1930	941		1,047	951	999	975	
1931	826		901	853	973	873	
1932	796		817	804	958	830	
1933	751		804	787	950	804	
1934	783		810	785	944	817	
1935	806		839	783	946	832	
1936	825		879	792	947	850	
1937	851		912	811	960	873	
1938	886		942	829	961	897	
1939	927		965	841	962	920	
1940	939		973	956	998	957	
1941	947		976	1,118	1,060	1,008	
1942	1,031		976	1,308	1,112	1,091	
1943	1,037		975	1,440	1,160	1,131	
1944	1,026		976	1,435	1,165	1,126	
1945	1,034		975	1,425	1,161	1,126	
1946	1,036		976	1,505	1,167	1,145	
1947	1,100		977	1,566	1,199	1,188	
1948	1,256		979	1,744	1,257	1,295	
1949	1,394		982	1,997	1,338	1,415	
1950	1,566		987	2,286	1,435	1,560	
1951	2,041		1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883	
1952	2,526		1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196	
1953	2,641		1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302	
1954	2,671		1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326	
1955	2,811		1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393	
	A	B				A	B
1956	2,923	3,084	1,325	3,261	2,236	2,489	2,547
Quarter—							
1955—September	2,810	2,854	1,232	3,243	2,081	2,394	2,411
December	2,831	2,891	1,238	3,248	2,128	2,413	2,435
1956—March ..	2,851	2,926	1,310	3,243	2,137	2,437	2,465
June ..	2,922	3,054	1,320	3,248	2,212	2,480	2,528
September	2,966	3,244	1,330	3,260	2,273	2,511	2,612
December	2,954	3,111	1,339	3,292	2,320	2,526	2,583
1957—March ..	2,973	2,982	1,357	3,323	2,336	2,547	2,550

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost *in each group or combination* in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) *See* note (b) on page 104. (d) November.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED : QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	Sydney.			Newcastle.			Broken Hill.			Goulburn.			Bathurst.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.50	15.50	15.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Flour, ordinary ..	,,	15.38	15.44	15.44	14.63	14.88	14.88	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.25	14.25	14.25	13.00	13.00	13.00
,, self-raising	,,	21.10	21.40	21.45	22.21	22.36	22.36	18.70	18.70	19.10	23.00	23.10	23.10	21.50	21.80	22.20
Tea	lb.	80.50	87.60	87.60	82.00	87.86	88.71	81.50	83.30	87.80	83.60	89.50	89.50	80.40	87.20	87.20
Sugar	,,	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.96	10.96	10.96	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.75	10.75	10.75
Rice	,,	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.63	12.63	12.63	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.80	12.80	12.80
Tapioca, seed ..	,,	25.17	26.13	26.39	26.20	26.20	26.20	15.00	15.00	15.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	27.00	29.00	29.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	34.38	37.94	38.33	34.93	36.14	38.25	29.80	29.80	30.20	34.10	38.40	39.30	34.80	37.80	38.20
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.65	20.65	20.65	22.79	22.79	22.79	23.30	23.30	23.30	23.80	23.80	23.80	22.80	22.80	22.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.10	10.20	10.20	10.77	10.88	10.88	10.04	10.14	10.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.13	11.13	11.25
Raisins, seeded ..	,,	31.50	30.92	30.92	32.75	32.75	32.75	28.88	28.90	28.90	32.33	32.33	32.33	32.00	32.00	32.00
Currants	,,	26.00	26.38	26.38	25.40	25.40	25.40	23.63	23.63	23.63	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.00	25.00	25.00
Apricots, dried ..	,,	65.25	64.50	65.25	57.00	57.00	63.00	57.25	59.25	59.25	60.00	60.00	60.00	63.00	63.00	63.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	41.15	41.20	44.56	41.17	41.25	41.25	41.10	41.10	41.70	43.20	43.80	43.80	42.60	42.60	44.40
Pears, canned ..	,,	43.55	43.65	45.55	44.00	44.00	44.00	41.50	42.20	42.80	45.80	45.80	45.80	44.60	44.60	45.60
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	32.35	55.50	52.40	28.50	55.50	56.50	45.00	41.20	42.40	40.60	56.00	54.60	39.90	56.70	58.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.40	8.70	8.70	7.42	8.36	8.79	9.50	8.75	8.67	10.20	11.20	10.80	9.13	10.30	10.80
Soap	,,	18.20	18.26	18.26	18.51	18.61	18.61	20.20	20.20	20.20	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.20	19.20	19.20
Kerosene ..	quart	8.67	8.98	9.04	8.70	8.75	8.78	10.18	10.20	10.20	10.05	10.15	10.45	10.23	10.28	10.38
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.25	54.25	54.25	54.29	54.29	54.71	56.90	56.90	56.90	55.50	55.50	55.50	53.90	53.90	53.90
Cheese, mild ..	,,	39.88	40.75	40.75	38.88	38.88	38.88	43.67	43.67	43.67	39.17	39.17	39.17	38.75	38.75	38.75
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	72.00	78.00	78.00	72.00	78.00	78.00	59.90	65.30	68.90	72.00	78.00	78.00	72.00	78.00	78.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	88.63	89.17	86.75	86.10	86.10	85.10	81.50	83.00	83.00	85.25	85.75	85.00	84.00	83.25	82.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.90	24.30	24.30	24.50	24.50	24.50	26.30	26.30	26.30	25.70	25.70	25.70	25.20	25.20	25.20
,, fresh(b) loose	quart	..	..	..	..	..	..	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.50	21.50	22.50	..	..	..
,, ,, (b) in bottles ..	,,	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	..	..	..	23.00	23.00	24.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	45.33			47.14			44.14			45.40			45.75		
,, rib (without bone) ..	,,	35.70			36.71			32.57			35.60			36.57		
,, steak, rump	,,	58.57			58.57			57.43			60.60			58.50		
,, ,, chuck	,,	29.53			31.71			34.04			32.00			31.25		
,, sausages ..	,,	23.00			24.86			22.29			23.00			23.67		
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	35.90			38.71			39.62			37.20			37.50		
,, ,, brisket	,,	24.63			24.86			32.48			29.80			30.25		
Mutton, leg ..	,,	26.17			28.86			29.29			26.67			28.75		
,, forequarter	,,	17.52			16.24			19.14			19.67			18.28		
,, loin ..	,,	27.05			26.57			34.57			28.00			30.75		
,, chops, loin	,,	27.33			26.86			36.29			28.00			30.75		
,, ,, leg	,,	29.33			28.43			35.43			28.00			30.75		
Pork, leg ..	,,	61.00			64.15			59.14			54.00			55.83		
,, loin ..	,,	61.23			63.00			59.14			53.25			56.45		
,, chops ..	,,	61.63			63.00			59.14			54.75			57.67		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	Melbourne.			Ballarat.			Bendigo.			Geelong.			Warrnambool.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Flour, ordinary ..	,,	11.55	11.55	11.55	12.10	12.10	12.10	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.38	11.38	11.38	12.00	12.00	12.00
,, self-raising	,,	20.05	20.05	20.05	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.83	20.67	20.67	20.50	20.38	20.38	21.90	21.90	21.90
Tea	lb.	80.90	84.60	87.80	82.90	88.60	89.90	82.50	87.00	89.42	81.63	84.88	88.50	83.20	87.00	89.70
Sugar	,,	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.47	10.47	10.47	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.13	10.13	10.13	10.83	10.83	10.83
Rice	,,	11.75	11.75	11.75	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.58	12.58	12.58	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.60	13.60	13.60
Tapioca, seed ..	,,	24.08	24.08	26.60	25.13	22.00	24.00	24.58	24.58	24.58	25.50	22.67	23.67	23.17	23.17	23.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	27.55	28.55	28.80	28.40	28.70	29.30	27.50	27.92	28.92	27.38	27.38	29.38	28.50	28.50	29.38
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.33	22.67	22.67	21.50	21.50	21.50	24.00	24.00	24.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.00	10.00	10.06	9.88	10.04	10.05	9.25	9.00	9.00	10.50	10.90	10.90
Raisins, seeded ..	,,	27.50	27.50	27.50	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.20	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	30.38	30.38	30.38
Currants	,,	23.38	23.38	23.38	24.70	24.70	24.70	23.75	23.75	23.75	26.00	26.00	26.00	25.83	25.83	25.83
Apricots, dried ..	,,	56.40	58.88	59.75	57.33	59.85	61.00	59.00	61.59	58.50	58.50	61.07	60.00	59.88	59.88	58.83
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	35.75	36.13	37.75	36.20	38.17	41.25	36.33	38.17	39.25	35.17	37.83	39.50	38.50	39.63	42.25
Pears, canned ..	,,	37.94	37.55	37.75	37.90	37.90	37.90	37.58	38.00	38.10	36.50	36.50	36.50	40.30	40.30	41.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	33.83	44.13	44.86	27.30	39.40	39.90	32.92	46.08	46.08	28.00	41.13	42.00	28.50	39.00	39.75
Onions, brown ..	lb.	9.88	9.50	8.75	8.80	7.20	7.00	7.83	8.17	8.25	8.25	8.00	7.75	8.30	7.20	6.80
Soap	,,	18.26	18.26	18.26	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.68	18.65	18.65	17.97	17.97	17.97	19.03	19.03	19.03
Kerosene ..	quart	8.61	8.67	8.67	9.50	9.55	9.78	9.85	9.85	9.85	8.72	8.75	8.85	10.15	10.13	10.13
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.65	54.65	54.65	55.50	55.50	55.50	53.50	53.50	53.50	54.88	54.88	54.88	55.20	54.90	54.90
Cheese, mild ..	,,	40.00	40.00	40.00	42.00	42.00	41.83	41.67	41.67	41.67	39.33	39.33	39.33	40.17	40.17	40.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	67.80	74.70	74.70	68.00	75.00	75.00	68.17	75.17	75.17	68.00	75.00	75.00	68.00	74.60	74.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	85.83	85.83	85.83	84.40	84.40	84.40	83.00	83.00	84.50	83.00	83.00	83.00	86.40	86.40	86.40
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.85	22.90	23.00	24.60	24.60	24.60	23.83	23.83	23.67	23.50	23.50	23.50	24.90	24.70	24.70
,, fresh(b) loose	quart	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
,, ,, (b) in bottles ..	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.75	17.75	17.75
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	41.93			41.20			40.94			39.00			41.20		
,, rib (without bone) ..	,,	41.17			39.33			41.43			41.50			42.75		
,, steak, rump	,,	60.40			60.00			57.43			59.07			58.80		
,, ,, chuck	,,	34.70			36.00			34.29			33.40			36.00		
,, sausages ..	,,	24.92			25.33			24.00			23.20			24.20		
Beef (corned) silverside	,,	41.20			41.67			40.71			43.20			41.40		
,, ,, brisket	,,	29.60			33.00			32.29			31.60			30.40		
Mutton, leg ..	,,	28.05			31.67			29.40			29.60			36.80		
,, forequarter	,,	17.89			17.78			17.40			16.20			24.60		
,, loin ..	,,	27.33			29.67			29.20			29.00			34.20		
,, chops, loin	,,	27.52			31.67			30.13			30.00			36.60		
,, ,, leg	,,	30.09			32.00			29.93			30.00			37.50		
Pork, leg ..	,,	64.06			60.00			58.80			60.53			60.00		
,, loin ..	,,	64.98			61.00			63.00			60.53			60.00		
,, chops ..	,,	65.00			63.50			63.00			61.67			61.50		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	Brisbane.			Toowoomba.			Rockhampton.			Townsville.			Bundaberg.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary ..	,,	9.50	9.65	9.70	9.50	9.57	9.57	11.64	11.64	11.79	12.30	12.30	12.70	10.20	10.20	10.20
,, self-raising	,,	18.20	18.20	18.25	19.71	19.86	19.86	21.07	21.29	21.29	21.40	22.00	22.10	20.90	20.90	20.90
Tea	lb.	77.80	77.80	83.85	77.71	77.71	83.64	79.21	80.07	84.64	80.70	80.70	84.30	79.60	80.80	85.60
Sugar	,,	9.95	9.95	9.97	10.37	10.37	10.37	10.29	10.29	10.29	11.50	11.50	11.57	9.95	9.95	9.95
Rice	,,	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.67	12.67	12.67	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.90	12.90	12.90	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed ..	,,	16.67	21.67	22.30	13.17	13.17	13.17	14.80	15.00	15.10	15.75	15.75	15.75	18.00	18.00	18.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	28.30	28.30	31.60	28.93	29.14	31.50	29.57	29.57	30.86	29.50	29.50	29.60	29.10	29.10	31.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	18.95	18.95	18.95	20.86	20.86	20.86	22.29	22.29	22.29	24.30	24.20	24.20	19.20	19.20	19.20
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.88	10.83	10.67	11.67	11.75	11.75	11.50	12.00	12.00	10.37	10.32	10.17	11.50	11.75	11.75
Raisins, seeded ..	,,	26.30	26.30	26.30	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Currants ..	,,	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.25	23.25	23.25	25.33	25.33	25.33	25.38	25.63	25.63	23.50	23.50	23.50
Apricots, dried ..	,,	57.00	57.00	57.50	55.00	55.00	55.00	54.80	54.80	54.80	54.00	54.00	54.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	38.67	38.89	40.75	39.29	39.29	39.50	40.92	40.92	40.75	40.00	40.10	40.20	39.90	40.60	40.38
Pears, canned ..	,,	39.75	40.05	40.85	40.43	40.43	40.43	42.07	42.07	42.00	40.10	40.10	40.20	41.80	41.90	41.90
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	37.10	45.70	52.70	30.50	32.79	38.36	41.57	48.50	58.57	46.30	47.25	52.80	42.50	42.10	56.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.10	7.40	8.30	6.29	5.36	6.00	8.29	8.14	9.00	8.90	8.70	8.90	8.40	8.60	9.00
Soap	,,	17.90	17.90	17.96	18.29	18.29	18.29	17.95	17.95	17.95	18.20	18.20	18.20	17.93	17.93	17.93
Kerosene ..	quart	8.37	8.48	8.46	9.38	9.50	9.54	10.18	10.20	10.25	9.27	9.30	9.30	10.55	10.55	10.60
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.10	54.10	54.20	53.50	53.50	53.50	53.79	53.79	53.79	55.30	55.30	55.30	53.90	53.90	53.90
Cheese, mild ..	,,	35.00	35.00	34.89	34.83	34.83	34.83	37.92	37.92	37.92	39.70	38.80	39.00	36.60	36.60	36.60
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	58.20	64.50	64.60	39.00	46.00	47.00	62.43	68.57	68.86	71.25	77.25	77.25	59.80	61.40	63.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	77.88	77.38	77.38	72.30	70.90	71.50	74.50	74.25	74.25	71.50	71.50	71.50	74.90	74.63	74.13
Milk, condensed ..	tin	24.05	24.05	24.05	24.14	24.21	24.21	24.79	24.93	25.00	24.30	24.30	24.30	24.70	24.70	24.70
,, fresh(b) loose	quart	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..
,, ,, (b) in bottles ..	,,	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	17.00	17.00	17.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	32.32			35.60			29.00			30.00			30.60		
,, rib (without bone) ..	,,	26.68			29.70			23.00			24.00			24.00		
,, steak, rump	,,	39.80			42.80			36.00			36.00			39.00		
,, ,, chuck	,,	20.04			22.80			19.00			19.00			19.00		
,, sausages ..	,,	19.00			20.00			18.00			19.20			18.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	28.80			32.80			26.00			26.20			28.00		
,, ,, brisket	,,	21.04			23.80			19.86			19.00			20.00		
Mutton, leg ..	,,	22.63			28.38			24.00			26.00			25.00		
,, forequarter	,,	13.42			16.38			14.00			16.40			16.03		
,, loin ..	,,	22.00			25.14			19.22			21.93			21.60		
,, chops, loin	,,	22.63			28.38			22.95			25.00			24.00		
,, ,, leg	,,	22.63			27.38			22.05			25.20			24.20		
Pork, leg ..	,,	54.83			52.29			48.96			52.60			44.40		
,, loin ..	,,	53.73			52.29			48.68			50.03			42.60		
,, chops ..	,,	53.73			52.29			48.68			49.00			45.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	Adelaide.			Kadina.			Port Pirie.			Mount Gambier.			Peterborough.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	14.00	14.50	14.50	16.00	16.50	16.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	15.50	16.00	16.00	(c)14.00	(c)14.50	(c)14.50
Flour, ordinary ..	,,	10.00	10.55	10.55	10.07	10.57	10.57	10.50	10.71	11.07	9.88	9.88	10.00	11.00	11.25	11.50
,, self-raising	,,	16.45	16.50	16.50	17.93	18.00	18.00	18.29	18.36	18.43	18.00	18.10	18.30	18.75	18.75	18.75
Tea	lb.	82.00	82.00	87.00	82.57	82.57	87.57	82.93	82.93	87.93	83.50	83.50	88.50	83.00	83.00	88.00
Sugar	,,	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.46	10.46	10.46	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
Rice	,,	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.63	13.63	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed ..	,,	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.07	13.07	13.07	14.25	14.25	14.25	13.70	13.70	13.70	13.75	13.75	13.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	29.00	30.17	31.50	29.86	31.07	31.57	29.71	30.67	32.08	31.60	31.60	32.50	30.63	31.38	32.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	21.36	21.36	21.36	21.57	21.71	21.71	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.13	22.13	22.13
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.42	9.42	9.42	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.83	9.83	9.83	10.28	10.28	10.28
Raisins, seeded ..	,,	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.43	29.43	29.43	29.86	29.86	29.86	30.00	30.00	30.67	29.63	29.63	29.63
Currants	,,	24.60	24.60	24.60	25.08	25.08	25.08	25.30	25.30	25.30	26.17	26.17	26.17	25.63	25.63	25.63
Apricots, dried ..	,,	58.50	59.33	59.75	59.50	59.50	60.50	59.50	59.50	61.38	60.38	60.38	60.33	59.50	59.50	61.50
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	40.40	40.50	41.50	41.79	41.92	41.92	41.71	41.86	43.07	41.50	41.50	45.00	42.13	42.63	42.63
Pears, canned ..	,,	40.80	40.80	41.30	41.79	42.07	42.79	41.86	41.86	41.86	41.00	41.00	43.50	42.13	42.38	42.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	28.58	29.17	32.33	36.33	36.33	39.67	34.43	34.43	37.79	31.50	27.13	32.38	37.50	35.00	37.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.20	8.00	8.30	8.30	8.10	8.40	8.43	7.67	8.14	10.00	9.00	9.34	8.67	8.00	8.00
Soap	,,	18.33	18.33	18.33	19.05	19.05	19.05	18.52	18.52	18.52	18.87	18.87	18.87	19.25	19.25	19.25
Kerosene ..	quart	8.24	8.50	8.50	8.66	8.81	8.90	9.11	9.18	9.21	9.00	9.07	9.13	9.19	9.25	9.31
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.50	54.50	54.50	55.43	55.43	55.43	55.50	55.50	55.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50
Cheese, mild ..	,,	35.11	35.11	35.11	35.93	35.93	35.93	36.33	36.33	36.33	35.33	35.33	35.33	36.25	36.25	36.25
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	53.65	59.65	62.65	40.00	46.00	49.00	41.00	47.00	50.00	42.33	48.33	50.67	40.00	46.00	48.25
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	75.00	75.00	75.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.25	76.75	76.75	75.70	75.70	75.70	76.00	76.00	76.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.85	23.85	23.85	24.64	24.64	24.64	24.79	24.86	24.86	24.90	24.90	24.90	25.00	25.00	25.00
,, fresh(b) loose	quart	16.50	16.50	16.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
,, ,, (b) in bottles ..	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	..	..	..
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	28.10			27.53			30.43			30.47			29.67		
,, rib (without bone) ..	,,	30.90			31.10			34.14			34.47			32.67		
,, steak, rump	,,	49.37			48.38			50.38			51.60			50.67		
,, ,, chuck	,,	26.50			26.48			29.29			27.47			28.00		
,, sausages ..	,,	16.15			16.57			18.29			17.60			17.33		
,, (corned) silverside	,,	33.37			33.76			36.00			34.80			35.33		
,, ,, brisket	,,	27.00			26.95			28.86			26.60			27.00		
Mutton, leg ..	,,	25.33			23.52			25.00			26.07			24.33		
,, forequarter	,,	14.15			13.09			14.48			13.13			13.00		
,, loin ..	,,	24.00			23.57			24.86			26.47			24.00		
,, chops, loin	,,	24.60			24.00			26.00			27.20			24.67		
,, ,, leg	,,	25.20			23.95			25.86			27.07			25.00		
Pork, leg ..	,,	59.13			52.81			59.00			57.87			51.44		
,, loin ..	,,	59.13			52.95			59.00			58.47			49.44		
,, chops ..	,,	59.13			53.10			59.50			59.07			52.44		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered. (c) Not delivered.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	Perth.			Kalgoorlie.			Northam.			Bunbury.			Geraldton.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	15.50	(c)15.00	(c)15.00	(c)15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Flour, ordinary ..	,,	13.80	13.80	13.80	15.67	15.67	15.67	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.90	13.90	13.80	13.80	13.80
,, self-raising	,,	19.70	19.75	19.80	23.17	23.17	23.17	21.13	21.00	21.13	21.10	21.10	21.20	22.00	22.00	22.00
Tea	lb.	82.30	84.40	89.50	87.08	87.08	94.08	83.25	85.00	85.00	85.20	88.00	92.00	84.00	85.60	90.20
Sugar	,,	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.35	11.36	11.36	10.54	10.54	10.54	10.72	10.72	10.72	10.73	10.73	10.73
Rice	,,	11.95	11.95	11.95	14.00	14.00	14.00	11.88	12.13	12.13	12.90	12.90	12.90	13.25	13.25	13.25
Tapioca, seed ..	,,	27.17	27.14	27.14	30.50	30.50	31.13	22.25	20.50	20.50	26.75	28.50	28.50	26.25	29.50	29.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	34.55	34.55	34.55	37.17	37.08	37.08	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.38	34.50	34.75	36.90	36.90	36.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	21.60	21.60	21.70	25.50	25.50	25.50	23.25	23.38	23.38	23.20	23.20	23.20	25.00	25.00	25.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.93	10.29	10.29	12.25	12.25	12.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	11.17	11.17	11.17	12.33	12.33	12.33
Raisins, seeded ..	,,	30.70	30.70	30.70	33.30	33.30	33.30	30.67	30.67	30.67	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.17	30.88	30.88
Currants ..	,,	24.35	24.65	24.45	27.17	27.17	27.17	23.00	22.33	22.33	25.10	25.10	25.10	26.40	26.40	26.40
Apricots, dried ..	,,	62.40	62.40	62.40	62.75	62.75	62.75	61.00	61.00	61.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	61.13	61.13	61.13
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	42.50	42.15	42.35	49.67	49.67	49.67	43.25	43.00	43.13	45.00	45.00	45.20	45.60	45.60	45.80
Pears, canned ..	,,	42.65	42.65	42.75	49.58	49.58	49.58	43.13	42.75	42.88	45.60	45.60	45.60	46.30	46.30	46.30
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	44.00	44.00	44.00	46.67	46.92	46.92	46.25	46.25	46.25	44.00	43.60	44.00	46.00	46.00	46.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.88	8.00	7.75	8.50	8.00	7.50	9.75	10.00	8.63	8.63	8.50	8.50	7.60	7.80	7.60
Soap	,,	19.26	19.26	19.26	20.67	20.67	20.67	19.92	19.92	19.92	19.66	19.60	19.60	19.33	19.33	19.33
Kerosene ..	quart	13.47	13.47	13.47	16.35	16.35	16.35	14.91	14.91	14.91	15.21	15.21	15.21	16.09	16.09	16.09
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.70	54.70	54.70	58.00	58.00	58.00	54.75	54.75	54.75	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Cheese, mild ..	,,	44.83	44.83	45.17	47.20	47.20	47.20	45.00	45.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	47.00	47.00	47.20
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	61.80	66.50	66.50	65.17	69.17	70.83	63.00	67.00	67.00	63.00	67.00	67.30	65.00	69.00	69.20
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	81.43	81.07	81.00	82.83	82.83	82.83	83.00	83.00	83.00	81.67	81.50	81.50	81.90	81.90	81.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.70	22.70	22.70	25.58	25.58	25.50	23.13	23.25	22.88	24.50	24.50	24.50	25.00	24.80	24.80
,, fresh(b) loose	quart	..	..	..	24.00	24.00	24.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	1.00	21.00	21.00
,, ,, (b) in bottles ..	,,	19.00	19.00	19.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	40.78			36.57			41.11			41.60			43.33		
,, rib (without bone) ..	,,	39.97			39.71			41.33			41.60			42.00		
,, steak, rump	,,	56.93			54.29			57.00			57.20			51.00		
,, ,, chuck	,,	35.33			35.71			37.67			38.00			38.00		
,, sausages ..	,,	23.41			26.57			25.78			27.00			24.00		
,, (corned) silverside	,,	39.97			36.57			40.22			39.60			42.00		
,, ,, brisket	,,	29.80			30.00			32.78			32.00			35.11		
Mutton, leg ..	,,	29.33			31.43			30.45			33.60			31.00		
,, forequarter	,,	17.17			20.29			19.22			21.60			20.00		
,, loin ..	,,	27.60			29.29			29.67			28.40			27.33		
,, chops, loin	,,	27.87			29.71			30.00			30.00			28.00		
,, ,, leg	,,	27.87			29.71			30.67			30.00			29.67		
Pork, leg ..	,,	60.23			60.00			57.00			54.13			61.00		
,, loin ..	,,	60.70			60.00			54.00			56.00			61.00		
,, chops ..	,,	60.70			60.00			55.00			56.00			61.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered. (c) Not delivered.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	Hobart.			Launceston.			Burnie.			Devonport			Queenstown.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Flour, ordinary ..	,,	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.10	13.10	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.00	13.00	13.00
,, self-raising	,,	21.10	21.55	21.65	20.64	20.79	20.93	22.50	22.40	22.40	22.10	22.10	22.10	21.75	22.00	22.25
Tea	lb.	86.45	92.45	92.45	86.43	92.43	92.50	86.50	92.50	92.50	86.50	92.60	92.60	87.00	93.00	93.00
Sugar	,,	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.75	10.75	10.75
Rice	,,	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Tapioca, seed ..	,,	24.00	23.83	24.60	22.00	22.00	22.00	27.00	27.00	29.50	23.00	23.00	23.00	24.25	27.25	27.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	33.60	35.40	36.10	34.14	35.71	36.21	34.00	35.90	35.90	34.10	36.20	37.20	35.00	37.50	37.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.71	22.71	22.71	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.20	23.20	23.20	24.00	24.00	24.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.20	11.20	11.40	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.25	12.25	12.25	11.88	11.88	11.88
Raisins, seeded ..	,,	30.15	30.15	30.15	30.14	30.14	30.14	31.10	31.10	31.10	30.50	30.50	30.50	33.00	33.00	33.00
Currants ..	,,	27.25	27.25	26.86	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Apricots, dried ..	,,	60.80	60.80	60.80	60.50	60.50	60.50	63.00	63.00	69.00	60.50	60.50	60.50	59.36	59.36	59.36
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	43.20	43.83	44.67	43.80	43.80	46.00	43.40	42.38	43.25	44.10	44.10	45.00	44.00	44.63	44.63
Pears, canned ..	,,	46.45	46.45	48.28	44.50	45.92	47.58	46.88	48.50	48.50	45.70	45.70	46.40	49.00	51.75	52.75
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	49.00	51.50	54.50	37.57	37.57	39.00	39.90	47.60	49.00	34.72	34.72	41.40	45.25	37.38	41.75
Onions, brown ..	lb.	11.56	10.50	9.94	12.80	10.80	10.67	13.80	12.20	11.60	16.50	14.50	10.75	15.00	13.50	12.00
Soap	,,	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.67	18.67	18.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.94	14.04	14.04	13.42	13.42	13.42	14.49	14.52	14.52	13.83	13.83	13.77	11.44	11.44	11.44
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	56.25	56.25	56.25	53.79	53.79	53.79	56.50	56.50	56.50	56.10	56.10	56.10	55.50	55.50	55.50
Cheese, mild ..	,,	39.45	39.45	39.45	39.23	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	38.79	39.79	38.79	40.55	40.55	40.55
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	66.44	72.44	76.38	66.29	72.29	76.36	66.70	72.60	76.30	66.50	72.50	75.88	68.13	74.13	78.13
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	77.50	77.50	77.50	75.86	75.86	75.86	81.00	81.00	81.60	77.80	78.40	78.40	78.33	78.33	78.33
Milk, condensed ..	tin	24.45	24.45	24.45	24.43	24.43	24.43	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.70	24.70	24.70	25.00	25.00	25.00
,, fresh(b) loose	quart	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	..	..	..
,, ,, (b) in bottles ..	,,	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	27.00	27.00	27.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	40.70			38.14			39.92			39.00			42.67		
,, rib (without bone) ..	,,	39.57			36.52			37.75			37.80			43.34		
,, steak, rump	,,	58.30			55.52			54.00			52.80			58.00		
,, ,, chuck	,,	32.20			32.14			32.58			34.20			39.67		
,, sausages ..	,,	24.80			22.80			23.50			25.50			24.00		
,, (corned) silver-side	,,	41.20			38.38			39.75			39.60			43.34		
,, ,, brisket	,,	29.40			26.90			27.67			30.60			35.00		
Mutton, leg ..	,,	29.50			26.33			30.00			30.00			31.50		
,, forequarter	,,	15.84			13.40			16.50			15.00			24.00		
,, loin ..	,,	22.09			18.89			25.50			18.00			28.50		
,, chops, loin	,,	22.71			20.93			27.00			30.00			28.50		
,, ,, leg	,,	28.17			24.20			27.00			30.00			28.50		
Pork, leg ..	,,	58.30			52.85			48.00			48.65			59.00		
,, loin ..	,,	58.30			52.71			48.00			47.95			59.00		
,, chops ..	,,	58.30			54.14			48.00			48.60			59.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(*Base of each Group :* Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco. (*b*)	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (*a*)	Goods principally Home Produced. (*b*)	Total All Groups. (*b*)
1936–37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937–38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938–39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1939–40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	99	111	101	104
1940–41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941–42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	116	153	112	124
1942–43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	126	176	120	136
1943–44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	130	182	122	140
1944–45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	132	182	124	141
1945–46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	136	178	127	142
1946–47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	139	177	130	144
1947–48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	154	192	145	159
1948–49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	174	201	172	180
1949–50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	196	223	196	204
1950–51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951–52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952–53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953–54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954–55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955–56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1954–55—											
January ..	394	215	501	315	237	365	329	310	279	336	319
February ..	395	215	505	315	257	373	332	315	281	340	323
March ..	396	214	507	315	264	381	334	319	282	345	326
April ..	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	316	283	342	324
May ..	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	319	283	345	327
June ..	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	323	287	348	330
1955–56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	329	281	355	333
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	328	282	353	332
September	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	327	290	351	333
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	324	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	320	291	346	330
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	319	291	346	329
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	320	288	348	330
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	346	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	328	299	354	338
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	328	303	355	339
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	333	304	361	344
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	328	299	358	341
1956–57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	330	301	360	343
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	329	303	361	344
September	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	329	309	363	347
October ..	410	241	503	344	306	467	367	325	310	359	344
November ..	413	241	522	344	306	467	369	319	314	354	342
December ..	412	241	528	344	307	467	369	321	315	355	343
January ..	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	321	316	354	343
February ..	409	244	544	344	298	467	370	324	318	356	345
March ..	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	324	315	356	344

(*a*) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports. (*b*) Reconstructed to exclude potatoes and onions as from base period.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average " prices " of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The " price " data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946–47 to 1950–51 have been used as fixed weights.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri-culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936–37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937–38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938–39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945–46	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946–47	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947–48	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948–49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949–50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950–51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951–52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952–53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953–54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954–55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955–56	330	451	392	397	468	373

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column " All Groups excluding Wool ".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933–34 to 1935–36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals. (*a*)	Meats. (*b*)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (*c*)	Tallow.	Hides. (*d*)	Gold. (*e*)	All Groups. Excluding Gold.	All Groups. Excluding Wool.	All Groups. Total All Groups.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (*f*)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	..	100.00
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (*g*)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..	..
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (*h*)	..	31.38	20.89	12.55	12.20	4.42	3.32	1.18	1.22	12.84	..	100.00	..
1936–37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937–38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938–39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1948–49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	305	332
1949–50 ..	478	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	308	383
1950–51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951–52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952–53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	371	483
1953–54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1954–55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	342	431
1955–56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	451	286	353	238	178	414	342	397
1954–55—													
April ..	520	354	313	525	324	434	271	350	223	178	441	340	422
May ..	520	354	313	520	332	434	268	345	216	178	441	340	422
June ..	505	355	313	528	343	434	279	342	212	178	435	343	417
1955–56—													
July ..	(*i*) 505	352	313	538	359	468	266	342	225	178	437	347	419
August ..	453	351	313	538	365	468	266	341	234	178	411	347	395
September	437	334	313	545	398	468	278	344	235	178	404	347	388
October ..	437	329	337	543	408	454	282	351	238	178	406	351	390
November	437	323	364	549	383	454	284	366	227	178	407	352	391
December	453	315	368	575	364	454	283	365	232	178	414	352	398
January ..	460	313	361	590	348	441	285	356	239	178	416	349	400
February ..	460	311	328	592	331	441	288	364	240	178	411	340	395
March ..	453	312	304	592	322	441	292	364	247	178	404	334	388
April ..	468	310	273	579	317	441	293	354	248	178	406	325	390
May ..	498	316	265	556	324	441	302	344	241	178	420	324	403
June ..	(*i*) 505	317	299	548	335	441	317	347	252	178	428	332	411
1956–57—													
July ..	490	323	272	549	343	438	320	355	250	178	419	329	403
August ..	520	326	261	558	347	438	322	352	244	178	434	330	417
September	566	326	284	562	353	438	323	360	243	178	460	336	441
October ..	551	330	260	559	361	444	323	354	245	178	451	333	432
November	581	328	252	569	357	444	316	352	247	178	465	331	445
December	588	329	242	566	(*j*) 360	444	315	361	237	178	(*j*) 467	(*j*) 329	(*j*) 447
January ..	596	332	227	570	(*j*) 385	(*j*) 459	311	359	226	178	(*j*) 472	(*j*) 331	(*j*) 452
February ..	611	335	222	557	(*j*) 388	(*j*) 459	(*i*) 309	360	234	178	(*j*) 479	(*j*) 329	(*j*) 458
March ..	596	(*j*) 327	218	555	(*j*) 372	(*j*) 459	309	359	248	178	(*j*) 468	(*j*) 324	(*j*) 448

(*a*) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (*b*) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (*c*) Sultanas, lexias, currants. (*d*) Cattle hides, calf skins. (*e*) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index. (*f*) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936–37. (*g*) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936–37. (*h*) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable from 1936–37. (*i*) Nominal. (*j*) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. In computing this index, the " quantity-multipliers " are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

Section XII.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)*(a)*

Period.	Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates.*(b)(d)*	
	Food and Groceries.*(b)*	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). *(c)*	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.*(b)*			
Year—								
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	*(e)* 1,000	*(e)* 1,000	*(e)* 1,000	1,000	1,000	
1914 ..	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	
1921 ..	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	
1928 ..	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	
1932 ..	1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190	
1938 ..	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	
1939 ..	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,210	
1946 ..	1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263	
1947 ..	1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318	
1948 ..	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357	
1949 ..	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367	
1950 ..	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389	
1951 ..	3,649	1,649	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439	
1952 ..	4,516	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438	
1953 ..	4,723	1,861	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539	1,450	
1954 ..	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,860	5,632	1,459	
1955 ..	5,027	2,005	4,894	3,168	3,970	5,773	1,454	
1956 ..	A 5,227 B 5,514	2,166	4,930	3,403	A 4,130 B 4,226	6,048	A 1,464 B 1,431	
Quarter—								
1951.								
March ..	3,201	1,641	3,760	2,381	2,843	4,142	1,457	
June ..	3,443	1,646	4,151	2,498	3,042	4,387	1,442	
September ..	3,819	1,651	4,283	2,611	3,224	4,601	1,427	
December ..	4,133	1,656	4,429	2,731	3,388	4,850	1,432	
1952.								
March ..	4,298	1,672	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036	1,447	
June ..	4,589	1,702	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156	1,408	
September ..	4,633	1,750	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345	1,439	
December ..	4,544	1,789	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428	1,458	
1953.								
March ..	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446	
June ..	4,658	1,857	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449	
September ..	4,804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452	
December ..	4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453	
1954.								
March ..	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456	
June ..	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,856	5,624	1,459	
September ..	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460	
December ..	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462	
1955.								
March ..	4,882	1,983	4,865	3,115	3,898	5,720	1,467	
June ..	4,952	1,997	4,898	3,151	3,941	5,746	1,458	

Period.	Food and Groceries.*(b)*		Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). *(c)*	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.*(b)*		Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates.*(b)(d)*	
	A	B				A	B		A	B
September ..	5,024	5,103	2,014	4,903	3,168	3,973	4,001	5,774	1,453	1,443
December ..	5,061	5,169	2,025	4,910	3,239	4,004	4,041	5,853	1,462	1,448
1956.										
March ..	5,098	5,232	2,142	4,903	3,253	4,044	4,090	5,900	1,459	1,443
June ..	5,225	5,461	2,158	4,910	3,367	4,115	4,195	6,019	1,463	1,435
September ..	5,302	5,800	2,174	4,928	3,460	4,167	4,334	6,098	1,463	1,407
December ..	5,282	5,562	2,189	4,977	3,532	4,192	4,286	6,173	1,473	1,440
1957.										
March ..	5,315	5,331	2,218	5,024	3,556	4,226	4,231	6,161	1,458	1,456

(*a*) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in 1911 *in each group or combination of groups* is made equal to 1,000. (*b*) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (*c*) *See* note (*b*) on page 104. (*d*) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (*e*) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
DEMOGRAPHY(*a*)—								
Population(*b*) '000 Males	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,599	4,311	4,715
Population(*b*) '000 Females	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,598
Population(*b*) '000 Persons	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,313
Net Oversea Migration '000	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	−10.1	5.2	111.4	97.3
Marriages '000	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	72
Marriages Rate(*c*)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.8
Divorces(*d*) and Judicial Separations	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,330	7,327	6,782
Births '000	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	208
Births Rate(*c*)	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.6
Deaths '000	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	82
Deaths Rate(*c*)	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	8.9
Infant Deaths '000	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.6
Infant Deaths Rate(*e*)	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	22.0
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(*a*)—								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers	(*f*)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,773
Real Wage Index Numbers(*g*)	(*f*)	(*f*)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	1,454
PRODUCTION—								
Agricultural(*h*)—								
Wheat Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	10.2
Wheat Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	160	195
Wheat Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	19.2
Oats Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	3,354
Oats Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	56.5
Oats Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	16.8
Barley Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	299	342	784	1,118	1,894
Barley Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	41.6
Barley Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	22.0
Maize Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	168
Maize Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	4.8
Maize Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	28.4
Hay Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	2,241
Hay Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,345	3,626
Hay Av. Yield tons	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	1.62
Potatoes Area '000 acs.	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	94
Potatoes Yield '000 tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	402
Potatoes Av. Yield tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.36	4.31	4.28
Sugar-cane(*a*) Area(*i*) '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	372
Sugar-cane(*a*) Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327	8,901
Sugar-cane(*a*) Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	23.9
Vineyards Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136	135
Vineyards Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	(*m*)22.9
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.7	22.5
Pastoral, Dairying, etc.—								
Livestock(*j*) Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.8
Livestock(*j*) Cattle "	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9	16.5
Livestock(*j*) Sheep "	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	139
Livestock(*j*) Pigs "	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.2
Wool(*k*) mill. lb.	(*a*) 634	(*a*) 539	(*a*) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080	1,411
Butter '000 tons	(*a*) 19	(*a*) 46	(*a*) 95	(*a*) 119	175	168	135	209
Cheese " "	(*a*) 4.5	(*a*) 5.3	(*a*) 7.1	(*a*)14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	38.7
Meat(*l*)—								
Beef and Veal " "	(*f*)	(*f*)	(*f*)	(*f*)	339	350	534	582	(*m*) 750
Mutton and Lamb " "					218	307	372	282	(*m*) 376
Pork " "					11.1	22.7	58.1	35.0	(*m*)42.8
Bacon and Ham " "	(*a*) 7.5	(*a*)15.2	(*a*)23.8	26.2	31.8	42.5	36.6	(*m*)37.3
Total Meat " "	(*f*)	(*f*)	(*f*)	608	727	1,027	949	*m* 1,219

(*a*) Year ended previous December. (*b*) At 31st December of previous year. (*c*) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (*d*) Decrees made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage. (*e*) Number per 1,000 live births. (*f*) Not available. (*g*) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (*h*) Season ending in year shown. (*i*) Cane cut for crushing. (*j*) As at 31st December of previous year for years to 1942, as at 31st March thereafter. (*k*) In terms of greasy. (*l*) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat, cured weight, bacon and ham. (*m*) Subject to revision.

Statistical Summary—Australia—*continued.*

NOTE.—*See* headnotes on page 120.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
PRODUCTION—*continued.*								
Mineral(*a*)(*b*)—								
Copper(*c*) .. '000 tons	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	13.5	20.9	17.9	45.5
Gold(*c*) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	1,049
Lead(*c*) .. '000 tons	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	150.8	289.4	212.0	295.9
Zinc(*c*) .. .. ,, ,,					66.1	232.6	189.2	256.6
Black Coal mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	19.3
Brown Coal .. ,, ,,	..	..	(*e*)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	10.1
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(*d*)	(*a*) 452	(*a*) 605	590	237	914	1,393	1,454
Factories—								
Number of factories '000	(*f*)	(*f*)	14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	52.4
Persons employed .. ,,			312	379	337	725	978	1,060
Salaries and wages paid £m.			28	68	56	180	612	853
Net value of production—								
Chemicals, etc. .. £m.	(*d*)	(*d*)	1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	119.2
Industrial metals, etc. ,,			12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.1	595.4
Textiles, etc. .. ,,			7.5	19.2	6.9	21.0	56.6	81.5
Clothing .. ,,					11.1	23.6	81.1	102.5
Food, etc. .. ,,			11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2	141.1	197.8
Paper, etc. .. ,,			4.2	9.0	9.6	17.1	68.2	99.1
All groups .. ,,	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	1,498.8
Value of plant & machinery,,	(*d*)	(*d*)	31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	803.4
Value of land and buildings ,,			32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2	655.6
Net Value of production(*g*)—								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	279.4
Pastoral .. .. ,,	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	444.8
Dairying .. .. ,,	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	155.2
Poultry .. .. ,,	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	30.2
Bee-farming .. ,,	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.8
Total, Rural .. ,,	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	911.4
Trapping .. .. ,,	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	1.5	5.0	6.7	6.0
Forestry .. .. ,,	4.4	2.8	4.8	9.1	3.9	10.2	37.9	49.5
Fisheries .. .. ,,			1.1	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.7	8.9
Mines and Quarries(*h*) ,,	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	132.5
Total, Non-rural .. ,,	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	175.8
Total, Primary .. ,,	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	1,108.3
Factories .. .. ,,	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	1,498.8
Total, All Industries ,,	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	2,607.1
BUILDING(*i*)—								
Permits, New Dwellings '000	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	2.1	9.7	32.8	40.3
Permits, New Dwellings £m.					1.5	9.6	80.4	132.5
Permits, All Buildings(*j*) ,,					4.6	13.5	116.4	226 8
OVERSEA TRADE—	(*a*)	(*a*)	(*a*)					
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	34	38	61	94	52	174	1,053	821
Exports .. .. ,, ,,	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	782
Principal Exports(*k*)—								
Wool .. mill. lb.(*l*)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,264
Wool .. £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	338
Wheat .. '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	1,903
Wheat .. £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	46.5
Flour .. '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	667
Flour .. £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	19.7
Butter .. mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	185
Butter .. £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	29.0
Hides and Skins £m. f.o.b.	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	20.9
Meats .. .. ,, ,,	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	60.5
Fruit(*m*) .. .. ,, ,,	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.7
Sugar .. .. ,, ,,	..	(*e*)	(*e*)	(*e*)	2.5	2.6	6.9	24.8
Gold .. .. ,, ,,	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	8.3
Silver and Lead(*n*) .. ,, ,,	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	32.1	32.2
Ores and Concentrates,, ,,	..	(*e*)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	15.6

(*a*) Year ended previous December. (*b*) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (*c*) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (*d*) Not available. (*e*) Less than .05. (*f*) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (*g*) Gross value from 1891 to 1921–22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (*h*) Incomplete. (*i*) Six capital cities and suburbs. (*j*) Includes additions and alterations. (*k*) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (*l*) In terms of greasy. (*m*) Excludes fruit juices. (*n*) Includes concentrates.

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NOTE.—*See* headnotes on page 120.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
OVERSEA TRADE—*continued.*								
Principal Imports—		(*a*)	(*a*)					
Vegetable foodstuffs, etc. .. £m.f.o.b.	(*b*)	3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	25.0	22.1
Apparel, etc. .. .. ,, ,,		10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	32.7	203.6	111.3
Oil, etc. .. .. ,, ,,		1.2	1.6	4.7	5.5	16.2	87.5	99.6
Metals, etc. .. ,, ,,		7.8	14.0	22.8	7.4	71.8	393.4	322.1
Rubber, etc. .. ,, ,,		0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	34.0	22.0
Paper, etc. .. ,, ,,		1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	68.8	44.2
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—	(*a*)	(*a*)	(*a*)					
Oversea Vessels, Entrances and Clearances No.	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,136	4,885
Oversea Vessels, Entrances and Clearances mill. tons	4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2	22.3
Oversea Cargo—								
Discharged mill. tons(*c*)			(*b*)	2.4	3.0	5.5	14.4	15.9
Shipped .. ,, ,, (*c*)			(*b*)	5.8	6.7	4.2	5.7	8.2
Interstate Vessels, Entrances and Clearances No.	(*b*)	(*b*)	9,605	9,782	7,957	9,100	7,524	9,322
Interstate Vessels, Entrances and Clearances mill. tons			13.1	12.8	11.1	12.9	15.8	19.1
Interstate Cargo Shipped mill. tons(*c*)			(*b*)	5.5	4.0	10.0	9.0	13.0
Government Railways—	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)					
Route-miles .. '000	10.4	12.8	16.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8	26.5
Passenger-journeys .. mill.	84	115	228	335	303	475	501	515
Goods and livestock carried '000 tons	9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.3	46.8
Train-miles run .. mill.	29.7	38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	88.5	93.4	96.2
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams .. .. mill.	(*b*)	(*b*)	360	569	589	874	689	593
Omnibuses .. ,,			(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	193	330	334
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars .. .. '000	..	..	(*b*)	102	420	451	1,032	1,472
Commercial vehicles ,,					96	251	583	679
Civil Aviation(*e*)—								
Plane-miles flown .. mill.	..	..	..	..	2.5	7.8	41.8	43.7
Passengers carried '000	..	..	..	..	57	152	1,829	2,020
Passenger-miles .. mill.	..	..	..	..	(*b*)	76	722	828
Freight carried '000 tons(*f*)	..	..	..	..	0.1	1.2	57.5	84.4
Freight carried '000 ton-miles(*f*)	..	..	..	..	(*b*)	0.9	26.7	38.9
Postal—	(*a*)	(*a*)	(*a*)					
Postal matter dealt with(*g*) mill. articles	242	324	595	702	(*h*) 871	*h* 1,100	*h* 1,485	(*h*)1,704
Telegrams and cablegrams mill.	10.0	9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	29.8	25.4
Telephones—								
Instruments .. '000	7	29	103	259	485	739	1,301	1,704
Lines .. .. ,,	(*b*)	25	85	196	364	531	927	1,207
Calls—Trunk .. mill.	(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4	99.1
Local .. ,,	(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	221	369	664	968	1,186
Broadcast Listeners' Licences '000	..	..	..	(*i*) 36	369	1,320	1,961	2,089
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—		(*d*)	(*d*)					
Revenue .. £m.	..	11	21	64	72	210	1,017	1,138
Expenditure .. ,,	..	4	15	64	70	210	1,017	1,077
Net loan fund expenditure(*j*) ,,	..	..	1	5	4	213	55	70
Taxation collections ,,	..	9	16	50	54	180	934	1,004
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue .. £m.	(*b*)	28	41	85	100	152	387	524
Expenditure .. ,,	(*b*)	29	41	87	121	149	390	539
Net loan expenditure(*i*) ,,	(*b*)	9	16	34	6	8	198	156
Taxation collections ,,	(*b*)	3	5	18	33	57	63	97
Public Debt(*k*)—								
Commonwealth .. £m.	..	..	6	354	319	638	1,869	1,927
State .. .. ,,	*a*155.1	213	279	519	789	911	1,396	1,962
Total .. .. ,,	*a*155.1	213	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265	3,889
Overseas .. .. ,,	(*b*)	(*b*)	194	412	522	516	406	448
In Australia .. ,,	(*b*)	(*b*)	91	461	586	1,033	2,859	3,441

(*a*) Year ended previous December. (*b*) Not available. (*c*) Tons weight plus tons measurement. (*d*) Year ended 30th June. (*e*) Regular internal services. (*f*) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (*g*) Letters, postcards, letter-cards and newspapers. (*h*) Includes packets. (*i*) Year 1923–24. (*j*) Loan expenditure on works, services, etc. (*k*) At 30th June.

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NOTE.—*See* headnotes on page 120.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
PRIVATE FINANCE—								
Commonwealth Note Issue(*a*) £m.	(*b*)	(*b*)	8	54	51	103	303	373
Cheque-paying Banks—								
Advances(*c*) .. ,,	125	94	119	182	261	270	677	793
Deposits(*c*) .. ,,	98	93	150	289	319	387	1,189	1,286
Bank clearings(*d*) .. ,,	(*b*)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,160	13,812
Savings bank deposits(*e*) ,,	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,141
Life Assurance(*d*)(*f*)—								
Ordinary—								
Policies .. '000	(*b*)	414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	3,184
Sum assured .. £m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212	1,971
Industrial—								
Policies .. '000		236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,766
Sum assured .. £m.		5	10	30	67	127	254	307
Total—								
Policies .. '000		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	6,950
Sum assured .. £m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,278
SOCIAL STATISTICS—								
Commonwealth Social Services—								
Age and Invalid Pensions .. '000(*g*)	..	..	90	144	256	336	420	529
Age and Invalid Pensions .. £m.	..	..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	101.6
Child Endowment, Claims in force .. '000(*g*)	..	..	..	..	..	488	1,205	1,340
Child Endowment, Claims in force .. £m.	..	..	..	..	..	11.3	46.6	60.4
Total Commonwealth Health and Social Services(*h*) £m.	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	214.9
War Pensions .. '000(*g*)	..	..	..	225	274	220	525	600
War Pensions .. £m.	..	..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	43.2
Service Pensions .. '000(*g*)	..	..	..	..	..	14	17	35
Service Pensions .. £m.	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	1.8	4.1
State Social Services(*k*)—								
Education(*d*)—								
Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6	(*l*)
Staff .. .. ,,	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	(*l*)
Students .. ,,	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	(*l*)
Non-Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	(*l*)
Staff .. .. ,,	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3	(*l*)
Students .. ,,	125	149	161	199	221	257	326	(*l*)
Universities(*d*)(*m*)—								
Number	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	10
Staff(*n*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	3,377
Students .. '000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7	30.8
Public Hospitals—	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)			
Number	(*b*)	285	355	404	513	566	675	721
Staff—Medical .. '000	(*b*)	(*b*)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	8.1
Nursing .. ,,	(*b*)	(*b*)	5.1	6.8	9.3	15.4	24.6	29.1
In-patients, cases treated ,,	(*o*) 54	(*p*) 91	134	215	371	595	896	1,033
POLICE AND PRISONS(*d*)—								
Police .. .. '000	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3	(*l*)
Prisons	(*b*)	(*b*)	104	91	85	70	69	(*l*)
Prisoners .. .. '000	(*b*)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.4	(*l*)
PRICES(*d*)—								
"C" Series Retail Price Index..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	3,970

(*a*) At end of June. (*b*) Not available. (*c*) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931–32, Private Trading Banks thereafter. (*d*) Year ended previous December. (*e*) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (*f*) Existing business in Australia. (*g*) At 30th June. (*h*) Excludes war and service pensions. (*i*) Includes service pensions. (*j*) Included with war pensions. (*k*) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (*l*) Not yet available. (*m*) Excludes Australian National University. (*n*) Teaching and research staff. Includes part-time. (*o*) Year 1891–92 for Victoria. (*p*) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia.

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